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Kilili: Obama, House Dems committed to move immigration forward

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Even as the Republican-dominated U.S. House of Representative is poised to use a piecemeal approach on the compre-

hensive immigration reform bill recently passed by the U.S. Senate, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) assured that President Barack Obama and Democrats in the lower chamber remain committed to having the legislation en-

acted into law.

"As you probably know from reading the published reports, the Republican majority in the House is still uncertain about exactly what action it plans to take on immigration or how quickly it may

act. I did meet with President Obama, along with other members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, this week to discuss our strategy on immigration. I think the President and Democrats in

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FHB ECONOMIC FORECAST FOR CNMI

'Tourism industry shows promise'

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Deviating from prior years' reports, the *Economic Forecast* commissioned by First Hawaiian Bank this year finally paints a rosier picture for the CNMI's economy and takes note of its rebounding tourism industry, albeit not without some caveats brought about by the federalization law's effects.

According to the report, prepared by Dr. Maria

First Hawaiian Bank

Claret M. Ruane, resident development economist at the University of Guam-Pacific Center for Economic Initiatives, "The strong performance of tourism in 2012 creates the expectation of a slowly recovering economy and modest increases in CNMI Gross Island Product."

➤ **Economy still uncertain due to effects of federalization law**

She said the positive trend "appears to be carrying over to 2013, despite lingering uncertainty related to

the effects of the U.S. federalization law on the CNMI—including an upcoming scheduled increase in minimum wage and approaching deadlines with regard to the status of foreign labor and investments."

The Inos administration said yesterday that the

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DEQ office burglarized

➤ **Vault destroyed; money, laptops, cameras stolen**

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The Division of Environmental Quality's office in Gualo Rai was burglarized, its vault containing less than \$20 cash destroyed and about eight laptops and two digital cameras stolen.

As of yesterday afternoon, DEQ staff were still doing inventory to find out if other items were stolen. Several police officers were at the scene until noon yesterday.

The burglary was discovered yesterday morning when employees reported to work at DEQ, which is located on the three-story Gualo Rai Center on Chalan Pale Arnold or Middle Road.

The Department of Public Safety has yet to release information to the media about the burglary.

Saipan Tribune learned that burglarized were the DEQ's Admin Services located on the first floor, Marine Monitoring Team on the second floor, and the Safe Drinking Water Program on the

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Division of Environmental Quality administrative assistant Jason Reyes points at the vault that the burglar or burglars destroyed at the DEQ offices in Gualo Rai. The vault reportedly contained less than \$20 cash and papers but eight laptops and two cameras were also stolen.

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NMC's regents incur \$84K for off-island travel

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SAVING THE FUND

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, center, signs into law a bill that authorizes the Commonwealth Development Authority to issue up to \$300 million in pension obligation bonds on behalf of the CNMI to pay the government's debt to the NMI Retirement Fund, as Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, right, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), left, and governor's counsel Teresa Kim, standing, look on, during a recent joint leadership meeting on Capital Hill.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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The seven-member Board of Regents spent a little over \$84,000 for off-island travels in the 12 months covering the period from April 2012 through May 2013, according to Northern Marianas College records.

Of the amount, \$35,822 went to pay for the per diem allowance of individual members while on official business trip.

Based on records of the college, Rota board member and vice chair Elaine Orilla had the biggest travel expenditure of \$26,131 in the twelve-month period. Of that amount, \$12,096 represented her per diem allowance.

Orilla had three off-island trips from April last year to May this year. She went to Orlando, Florida, on April 20-26, 2012, for the annual convention of the American Association of Community Colleges. She also traveled on Nov. 12-21 to Los Angeles, California, for the Community College League of California Annual Convention. She posted another trip on April 17-27, 2013, to Orlando, Florida, to attend the AACC annual convention and to meet with board consultant Dr. Narcisa Polonio. The bulk of her travel expenses were for inter-island trips for board meetings and related activities.

Board chair and Saipan member Juan Lizama has the next highest travel expenditure of \$13,896, of which \$5,260 was his per diem allowance. He posted four off-island trips, including one to Boston, Massachusetts on Oct. 9-14, 2012, for the ACCT annual leadership congress; a two-day boardmanship training in Guam on Dec. 5-6; another seven-day travel to Washington, D.C., in Febru-

ary for the Community College National Legislative Summit; and on April 19-25, 2013, for the AACC annual convention in San Francisco.

Malua Peter ranks third, with travel expenditures totaling \$12,921 of which \$5,260 was her per diem allowance. She made the following off-island travels: April 20-26, 2012, for the Orlando, Florida, convention; Nov. 14-18, 2012, to Los Angeles, California, for another convention; and a boardmanship travel to Guam in December. She also attended a conference in San Francisco on April 19-25.

Frank Rabauliman and Andrew Orsini incurred \$9,915 and \$9,826 respectively for three similar trips in Orlando, Florida, on April 20-26; Nov. 14-25 in California; and Dec. 4-6 for the PPEC board training in Guam.

Rabauliman was paid a total of \$4,250 in per diem allowance from April 2012 through May 2013 while Orsini was paid \$4,110 for similar trips.

Board members William Torres of Saipan and Tinian member Michaela Sanchez, separately recorded a little over \$5,600 for their travels. Torres received a per diem allowance of \$2,610 while Sanchez collected \$2,236. Torres had three off-island trips while Sanchez had one.

The regents' travels, according to the college, are paid for by the institution's revenues.

In a statement from Lizama, he emphasized the need for the board to undergo trainings to satisfy accreditation requirements. He pointed out that the bulk of travel costs relate to bringing to Saipan board members from Rota and Tinian.

"In the past year the NMC board has had to work with a number of sensitive and highly-

critical issues that involved accreditation and other important matters, and this has necessitated the presence of all regents," said Lizama. "We are aware that thus has contributed to the increased travel costs, and we are working proactively for this upcoming fiscal year to reduce that significantly."

Highly productive

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., told *Saipan Tribune* Friday that all meetings and trainings attended by board members are highly productive and are key in reaffirming the college's accreditation.

Whatever the travel cost amount is, Hart is convinced that this will help the institution and the community in the long run.

"The meetings that were held in California were highly productive and we gained important insight from key individuals, including attending a workshop conducted by the San Francisco Community College District, outlining the challenges and opportunities they encountered while also on show-cause," said Hart.

In meeting Standard 4B on the board and administrative organization, Hart said the board must provide evidence of materials from board training activities. Standard 4B (f) requires the governing board to have a program for board development and new member orientation. It must also include a governing board development program that addresses the need to learn about accreditation standards and expectations.

"We are being proactive and strategic. We need to do everything that we possibly can to ensure that this institution continues to play a central role in educating students and in meeting workforce needs," added Hart.

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Man and child allegedly conspire to steal cigarettes from Customs

A new employee or trainee at the Division of Customs Services allegedly conspired with a child to steal 50 cartons of cigarettes worth \$2,400 from the Customs Seaport sections in Lower Base, Saipan.

Ignacio Mafnas Cruz, 18, was arrested on Friday for theft and conspiracy. His bail was set at \$5,000 cash. The report did not indicate his specific job or assignment at Customs.

The case against the child was sealed.

Urbano D. Babauta, an investigator at the Office of the Attorney General Investigative Division, stated in his report that their office received a call

on July 11, 2013, from Customs Officer Lt. Poland Masaharu regarding missing evidence at the Customs Seaport Sections.

Babauta said their investigation showed that Cruz started work at Customs Seaport on July 1, 2013. A Customs captain gave Cruz a briefing and took him around the establishment at the Customs Ports Office.

Babauta said that during his interview, Cruz confessed that it was his idea to take cartons of Marlboro Red cigarettes from Customs and that he asked the child if he wanted to make cash.

Cruz allegedly admitted that he took one of the Marlboro Red boxes to the back of the

warehouse on July 2 because the place was dark and away from inspection area. Cruz said that he and the child split the contents.

Cruz said that, on the same day, he took nine more cartons of Marlboro Reds that he then sold for \$80 to a Chinese store in Garapan.

Cruz allegedly admitted to stealing more cartons of cigarettes on July 5, 8, and 10, selling 10 cartons in all to the same store.

The child also allegedly admitted to stealing several boxes of cigarettes and selling them to a store in San Vicente for \$240. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Standby charge pushed for large commercial customers

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Large commercial customers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. who use the agency's electricity as a backup source of power could soon be charged a fee if CUC's petition with the Public Utilities Commission is approved.

CUC identified this new fee as a "standby charge" that will be applied to its large commercial customers.

Based on the latest rate petition CUC submitted to the commission, it was disclosed that the agency has many commercial customers—mainly golf courses and hotels—that supply some or all of their electrical requirements using their own generators. When their generators require maintenance or shut down unexpectedly, that's when they use CUC's electricity supply.

CUC said that these customers do not pay for this standby service supplied by CUC.

Based on an assessment by CUC consultant economist.com, this standby service is

valuable to these customers because if they could not rely on CUC to meet their requirements, they would need to build additional generating capacity at considerable expense.

The current commercial rate does not reflect the costs it incurs to provide standby service.

» '8 big customers get free generator backup service from CUC'

According to economist.com, standby service should be considered a capacity reservation service.

It was learned that customers who subscribe to standby service have substantial on-site generation facilities, which serve as the primary source for meeting all or a portion of their loads. These customers use standby service from CUC as a backup to their onsite resources.

CUC said it must demand costs to ensure that production and distribution capacity are available to serve the standby customer when needed.

Commercial customers

A survey conducted by CUC identified eight customers who supply some or all of their power generation. The total connected load of these customers is approximately 10 megawatts.

In addition, four large commercial customers with a total load of 3MW are completely off CUC's electric grid and would not be subject to this charge.

Under CUC's proposal these eight customers that are getting a free generator backup service from CUC will now pay \$20 per kW a month for using CUC as backup generation for their businesses.

Based on CUC's estimate of 9,128 kW of connected load, the increase in revenue will be approximately \$183,000 per month—or \$2.2 million per year. CUC said it has more than enough reserve generating capacity to serve the load of these eight customers, as well as four other customers that are not presently hooked

up to the CUC grid.

Lifeline rate, rate blocks

CUC also recommends two other items in its electric base rate petition: the replacement of its Lifeline rate and the reconfiguration of rate blocks.

CUC proposes to replace the Lifeline rate with a credit of up to \$28 per month for residential customers who use less than 200 kWh per month. CUC believes that this will provide much more significant rate relief to the neediest CUC customers and dramatically reduce the administrative burden associated with the Lifeline rate.

Customers who use 200 kWh per month would pay a monthly electric bill of approximately \$76 under the

proposed new rates. After application of the credit, the bill will go down to about \$48—a 37-percent reduction. Those using 100 kWh per month will get a monthly bill of about \$34 and this would go down to \$6 after the application of the proposed credit. The reduction is about 82 percent.

CUC also proposes redefining what would be considered residential rates. Currently, residential rate block starts at users of 500 kWh per month up to 2,001 kWh per month.

Under the proposed rate block, residential customers are users of 300 kWh per month up to 1,201 kWh monthly.

According to economist.com, this new block was recommended because of the continu-

ing decline in average use per customer that results in more kWh consumed in the lower consumption blocks.

CUC wants all these changes implemented by Oct. 1, 2013.

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The CNMI Public School System kicks off today the 28th Pacific Educational Conference at Marianas High School campus.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., said a total of 669 participants have registered for the event, of which over 400 are from off-island.

The four-day conference will feature over a hundred presentations and a host of breakout sessions for all participants.

Sablan said the number of participants is expected to go up because of the open registration scheduled today, July 16, from 8am through 4pm.

Off-island delegates will be treated today to an island tour from 10am through 2pm while a welcome party is slated at 6pm at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion at the Kilili Beach in Susupe.

These delegates are from American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, the Republic of Palau, as well as educational representatives from other Pacific countries and the United States.

The national winner of the 2012 Teacher of the Year award, Rebecca Mieliwocki, will also be participating.

The conference proper will start on Wednesday, with Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero giving the welcoming remarks at 8:30am, followed by the day's keynote speaker, Dr. Tim Waters, president and CEO of McREL (Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning). A special presentation and breakout sessions will follow.

On Thursday, Dr. Mark Elgart, president and CEO of Pacific Resources for Education and Learning, will be the keynote speaker, followed by two breakout sessions.

At 6pm that same day, a Teacher of the Year Banquet will be held at the Taga Hall Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort.

On Friday, Education Commissioner Sablan will welcome conference participants while the keynote speaker is Dr. Tim Boals, executive director of WIDA (World-class Instruction Design and Assessment) Consortium. A special presentation and a student forum will cap the last day of the historic conference.

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» Over 400 off-island delegates to take part

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Wiseman: JG Sablan's mining permit no longer valid

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has ruled that JG Sablan's mining permit is no longer valid because it has been terminated.

In an order issued Friday, Wiseman said the singular issue in this case—which already has an incredibly long and complex background—is

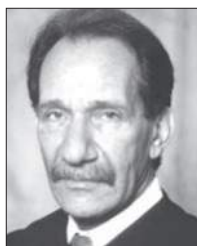
the validity of JG Sablan's permit.

The Department of Public Lands terminated that permit and that both the Superior Court and the CNMI Supreme Court upheld that termination, said Wiseman in a summary judgment in favor of the CNMI

ment.

The judge said that JG Sablan either previously argued the application of Public Law 15-21 during that prior litigation or had an obligation to do so.

"Thus, the question before this court has already been decided upon," Wiseman said.



Wiseman

JG Sablan, he said, is barred from re-arguing for an alternate finding.

"The Superior Court is bound by the decisions made by the Supreme Court and therefore finds that the permit has been terminated and is no longer valid," the judge said.

JG Sablan filed its motion for summary judgment asking the court to issue a declaratory judgment stating that it is in

compliance with Public Law 15-21(4) and is therefore in possession of a valid commercial mining permit.

The CNMI government opposed the motion and filed a cross-motion for summary judgment asking the court to declare that JG Sablan does not have a valid permit.

JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc. sued DPL over their legal dispute that began in 2006 when

DPL terminated JG Sablan's mining permit

JG Sablan filed a petition for judicial review of DPL's order refusing JG Sablan's request to reconsider the termination of the mining permit.

JG Sablan asked the court to issue an order holding unlawful and setting aside DPL's agency action of refusing to reconsider the termination of the permit.

Trial of 2 men facing manslaughter charges begins

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Jury trial began yesterday in Superior Court for two men who are facing manslaughter and other charges for allegedly assaulting a teenager who later died after being run over by two vehicles.

The prosecution called three witnesses yesterday and played in court separate video footages taken from the Mobil Gas Station on Middle Road in Garapan and the Chang Ming Store on the evening of Jan. 1, 2013.

On trial are Felix Kileleman Jr., 19, and his uncle, Herman S. Fitial, 34, who are charged with involuntary manslaughter, failure to report wounds or death, and assault and battery.

The defendants allegedly assaulted 19-year-old Kiauol Keju during an argument in

front of a store in Garapan on the evening of Jan. 1, 2013. The two allegedly left the victim lying along Middle Road. Two vehicles later ran over Keju. One driver fled the island, while the other was not charged because he stopped at the scene and called the police.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom late afternoon yesterday, an operations manager of Mobil Gas Station was still on the witness stand.

The government's first witness was a cashier at Mobil Gas Station on Middle Road. The cashier testified that during that night, man approached his counter and asked for an application form. The cashier identified the man as Kileleman.

The cashier said that Kileleman and his companion, Fitial, later had an argument with another man (Keju) in the parking lot of the gas station.

The cashier said that Kileleman and Fitial then chased Keju, who ran toward Middle Road.

The cashier said that after a few minutes, his co-worker told him to call 911 because someone had been hit by a car.

Assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty then played a video footage of the incident taken from the camera at Mobil Station.

A Chang Ming Store employee also testified that on that same night, two men entered their store and bought cigarettes.

The employee identified

one of two as Kileleman. He said another man, Keju, also came and insisted on buying an alcoholic beverage.

The employee said that he refused because Keju appeared to be a minor.

The employee said he later saw the three pushing each other outside the store. He said he then called the police.

The three ran away, he said.

The prosecution then played the video footages taken inside and outside the store when the three came and started a fight.

Assistant attorney general James McAllister is assisting Flaherty in prosecuting the case. Assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg is counsel for Kileleman. Defense attorney Colin Thompson is counsel for Fitial.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho is presiding over the trial.

» Prosecution plays video footage of the fight

TOURISM

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FHB report is consistent with the administration's efforts and projection of a banner year for tourism in the CNMI.

"Still, even in the face of such promising signs, much work lies ahead to fully take advantage of the uptick in visitor arrivals," said press secretary Angel Demapan in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

To this end, Demapan said the Inos administration will continue focusing its energies on destination enhancement, increasing passenger air service, and the need to increase lodging accommodations.

As for uncertainties surrounding immigration, Demapan said the administration is "extremely hopeful" that the omnibus bill pending in Congress and backed by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and other territorial delegates will garner the needed support to make it to the White House.

"If and when this occurs, that piece of legislation will greatly help stabilize the concerns lingering over our business community," he said.

Remarkable turnaround

In the FHB report, Ruane said that after a challenging year in 2011 that saw visitor arrivals to the CNMI dropping 10 percent, the islands' tourism industry made a remarkable turnaround in 2012, posting a growth of 17.4 percent.

Further adding to the optimistic mood, Ruane said, is 7-percent increase in tourist arrivals in January-March 2013 compared to the same period in 2012.

The Marianas Visitors Authority is already forecasting that 456,417 visitors will come to CNMI in 2013—the most since 2004-2005 or before Japan Airlines stopped serving the market.

MVA's 2013 forecast of visitor arrivals represents a 14-percent increase from 2012 numbers.

"...[T]here have been shortages in flight seats during peak seasons. But these are the kind of problems that many local businesses, residents and policymakers welcome," Ruane said.

Ruane said the Commonwealth can become more accessible to its main tourist markets by adding regular and charter flights by airlines already serving the market as well as the entry of new airlines.

While the problem was not enough tourism in 2011, the new problem since 2012 has been excess demand in hotel accommodations, with hotel occupancy rate reaching above 90 percent in February 2013 and hotel room rates averaging above \$125 in January 2013.

Ruane said the CNMI's problem also concerns the generation of foreign investments (primarily from Korea) for the construction of new hotels and resorts.

Looming speed bumps

Posing as a foil to the islands' economic growth are a scheduled minimum wage increase in September and the instability of its labor force as the much-maligned CW program will lapse in 2014, unless extended.

Minimum wage in the CNMI have increased from \$3.05 per hour in 2007 to the current \$5.55, with another 50-cent increase scheduled on Sept. 30, unless Congress intervenes.

Recently, Sablan and other territorial delegates introduced legislation to delay the upcoming wage increase for a year.

Ruane said the same bill seeks a five-year extension in the phase-out of the "CW" visa

category (a CNMI-only transitional worker visa), introduced to transition the CNMI's labor permit system to the U.S. foreign worker visa system.

"For years, the CNMI community has been divided on the merit of the extended transition period," Ruane said. "Some hope that the five-year extension would allow time to train and develop enough local workers to prepare for when the U.S. federal immigration law applies to [the] CNMI in full force, fully eliminating the CW-1 visas and replacing them with H-2 visas. H-2 visas would be subject to federal quotas [that] may not reflect the foreign labor needs of the CNMI (and, for that matter, Guam when the military buildup commences). Others view the extension as a way to continue reliance on foreign labor and delay preparing the local labor force."

A bill in Congress, she said, also seeks continued use of the E2-C visa classification for foreign investors in the CNMI so long as the transition period is extended. This CNMI-only transitional visa for investors was also introduced in 2009 to lessen potential effects of the federalization law on the islands' economy.

DEQ

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third floor.

The burglar or burglars are believed to have gained entry into the building by forcibly opening the door on the back stairway, possibly using a crowbar or big bar.

The entrance doors of the Admin Services and the Safe Drinking Water Program were forcibly opened.

The vault that was inside the office of administrative manager Gloria Castro was dragged near the reception area of the Admin Services. It was destroyed.

An employee said the vault contained some papers and only less than \$20 cash as they would deposit their collections, mostly checks, every other day with the Department of Finance.

Some filing cabinets were also pried open. Papers and other items were scattered on the floor of Admin Services.

Safer Drinking Program

manager Joe Kaipat told *Saipan Tribune* that when he went to the time clock at 7:25am yesterday, he immediately realized that there was a burglary because the safe was already near the hallway.

Kaipat said an employee who reported earlier had already called the police by that time. He said he decided to call 911 for the second time as there was no police officer yet.

Kaipat later learned that his laptop was among those stolen from the office.

Kaipat said he's very upset with what happened because the absence of laptops will hamper their outreach program to young children and schools.

In fact, Kaipat was preparing to bring six of the laptops to Rota next week to conduct the water operator's certification examination.

"It's very unfortunate," he said.

Saipan Tribune learned that burglars also tried to gain entry into the building last year but failed to destroy the lock at the back stairway door.

KILILI

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the House remain committed to the hard work of negotiating comprehensive immigration reform with the Republicans," he said in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan hopes that the immigration bill the Senate passed, S. 744, will still hurdle the House and eventually reach President Obama's desk.

"I personally am very supportive of the bipartisan bill the Senate has already passed, which contains the provisions I have been working on for years to benefit the Northern Mariana Islands."

There are six groups of aliens eligible to apply for a CNMI-only permanent resident status within months of S. 744's enactment into law, should the House approve it.

The first are those persons born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974, and Jan. 9, 1978.

The second group are those persons granted CNMI permanent resident status under CNMI immigration law.

Comprising the third group are the spouse or child of the first and second groups, while the fourth group are the immediate family members of U.S.

citizens, regardless of age.

The fifth group is made up of foreign workers in the CNMI that were admitted under CNMI immigration law five years prior to May 8, 2008, and are currently residents under CW-1 status.

The sixth and final group are the spouse and children of individuals in the fifth group.

The first four groups were covered in Sablan's H.R. 1466 in the previous Congress.

Sablan added two more groups to his original bill that became part of the U.S. Senate legislation, making it a "broader" version of H.R. 1466.

Meanwhile, former Rota public school teacher Wendy Doromal wrote in her blog, Unheard No More, that Republican House members met last week in a closed-door meeting to discuss how to proceed on the issue of immigration reform.

"The caucus rejected the Senate immigration bill and opted to draft their own legislation at their leisure. Observers speculate that no action will come until late this year or early next year. The majority of the Republican House members want to approach immigration in a series of small bills on specific provisions, rather than one comprehensive immigration reform bill," she wrote in her blog.

NEWLY RENOVATED OFFICE

Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas gives the media a tour of the newly renovated Civil Division offices under the Office of the Attorney General on the second floor of the building that also houses the governor's office on Capital Hill. OAG attorneys and staff have moved back to the building, over a year after the major renovations started.

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CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO LOSES ACCREDITATION

Hart: \$50M economic impact if NMC meets the same fate

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One of two institutions that were placed on show-cause status by the Accrediting Commission of Community Junior Colleges has formally received notice of the revocation of its accreditation, creating further worries for the Northern Marianas College, which is under the same sanction.

The City College of San Francisco lost its accreditation on July 3 and was given a year to prepare for its closure. The institution is among the largest in California, with about 8,500 students and 2,400 or so employees.

In the event NMC meets a similar fate in February 2014, this will have more than \$50 million worth of immediate economic impact on the islands, creating further chaos, according to NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D.

Hart disclosed that in one of the Board of Regents' travels off island, NMC officials met with leaders of the City College of San Francisco in an aim to learn from the institution's challenges and opportunities.

"What I am trying to say is, for the accrediting body to ultimately pull this accreditation, they are not going to blink twice at our little institution located far in the Pacific if we do not meet the standards," Hart told *Saipan Tribune*.

Hart believes that lack of focus was primarily the cause why the institution's accreditation was revoked. She cited the picketing of faculty members during the team visit, among other internal issues that disrupted the institution's focus on accreditation work.

Saipan Tribune learned that the City College of San Francisco was cited for 14 deficiencies and that only two were remedied, based on evidence gathered by the accrediting commission.

According to Hart, there's nothing more dramatic that will happen to the CNMI if it loses its only community college.

"In my opinion, if we lose this accreditation...there would be probably nothing more dramatic that could be

impacting the CNMI. Immediately, this could be a \$50 million economic impact because we will be losing jobs, not only in this college but in major providers in the community," said Hart.

The president said that NMC plays an important role in the local economy, so it's in the CNMI's best interest that the college continues to remain accredited.



Hart

"The college is an economic engine for growth and development. Research clearly shows that the more educated a state or U.S. territory is, the stronger that economy becomes," Hart said, adding that many colleges have conducted economic impact studies revealing that on average, for every dollar invested in a community college the community will realize a \$2 return on that investment.

A team from the accrediting commission is expected to validate the report that NMC is supposed to submit on Oct. 15 this year. They are expected to be on campus after this date to assess whether or not all deficiencies have been addressed.

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'Little issues'

Hart described internal issues at the college involving some faculty members and employees as "little issues" that attempt to take away her full attention from the ongoing accreditation work.

"Our time can't be spent on issues that will pull us away from accreditation," she added.

Hart pointed out that her role as college president is ultimately to reaffirm NMC's accreditation and she vowed to push harder to get this mission done.

"We must fully, not partially, meet the requirements. My goal is to get 100-percent satisfaction from the commission and we need to be more aggressive to make it happen," she said, adding that now is the time for the Legislature, community, media, and educators to come together for the sake of NMC.

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Yumul wants explanation for high cost of undersea bandwidth

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Senate floor leader Ray Yumul

(IR-Saipan) wants IT&E to explain why the monthly use of undersea fiber bandwidth between Guam and Saipan

costs \$650,000 when the same service between the West Coast and Guam only costs \$45,000 during the same period.

Yumul posed this question after reading Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson's comments on the *Saipan Tribune*. In the article Nelson spoke to Saipan Chamber of Commerce members how Saipan customers will not reap the benefits of Docomo's acquisition of MCV Broadband because of the prohibitive cost of undersea fiber bandwidth between the U.S. territory and the Commonwealth.

"While our brothers and sisters from Guam see a nice benefit to the services provided, the CNMI may never see the benefits. In particular it was cited by James Nelson, Docomo Pacific general manager, that the undersea fiber bandwidth between the West Coast and Guam is only \$45,000 a month. However, the same service to go from Guam to Saipan is \$600,000 a month! That's a very, very steep disparity and I believe

that the CNMI and Saipan will never see the benefits of having live TV being broadcast via fiber bandwidth."

Yumul urged Sen. Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan), chairman of the Senate Public Utilities and Telecommunications Committee, to look into the issue and ask for an explanation from the lease owner of the fiber optics.

"We even had a qualifying certificate granted to a company to provide a calling service when they negotiated with IT&E and learned that the service for interconnectivity is over four times the amount if they were to have it in Guam. It made that one company cancel the investment. It's extremely troubling. If this is the cost of undersea fiber bandwidth between Guam and Saipan we will never see the benefits of this merger between Docomo Pacific and MCV Broadband," said Yumul.

For his part, Reyes said there

were provisions in previous CNMI laws that actually prevent the lease owner of undersea fiber bandwidth from acting as a monopoly. However, he said, that particular legislation has been repealed.

"We're working now to revisit that particular law. I know our legal counsel is tasked with the responsibility to discuss this provision with the legal counsel of Docomo and try and untie that particular provision in our law and to allow business that are involved in this type of operation to operate at a fair and level playing field."

When asked for comments on the issue, IT&E owner Ricky Delgado said the company's CEO, Bong Mojica, will be coming to Saipan early next week and will address the concerns of Docomo and the Senate.

"We are looking to having our side heard," he said in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

July is Guam National Guard Month

Thirty-two years ago, 32 Guam residents raised their right hand and were sworn in as members of the youngest National Guard unit in the United States.

To mark that historic moment, Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo signed on July 8 a proclamation declaring July 2013 as Guam National Guard Month.

The proclamation recognizes the Guam National Guard as it celebrates its 32 years of service to the nation and to the island.

One of the original charter members, SFC Jeffrey Santos, who is still an active member of the Guam Guard, attended the ceremony.

Since its inception, the Guam National Guard has participated in significant international, national, and local mis-

sions. From the beginning of the Global War on Terrorism, the unit has seen more than 2,000 deployments of Guam Guard soldiers and airmen to combat theaters in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Some of the Guam Guard's soldiers and airmen have even completed up to four deployments to include the largest deployment of close to 600 soldiers who are currently in Afghanistan.

A task force from the Guam Guard also went to New Orleans, LA in September 2005 as part of Operation Katrina to assist residents there affected by the devastating hurricane.

The Guam Guard has also conducted numerous territorial missions, assisting the island community during, and immediately following natural disasters, such as super typhoons, strong earthquakes, and man-made disasters such as the KAL Flight 801 crash.

Guam Guard men and women have also played key roles in a variety of humanitarian missions.

The soldiers and airmen of the Guam Guard have also actively contributed to community programs, working with the Island Beautification Task Force, with units adopting six parks and a bus stop, maintaining them monthly, as well as quarterly cleanups of Army Drive (Route 16). The Guam National Guard's Counter Drug Program is also immersed in the war on drugs, providing assistance to local drug interdiction efforts, and an active anti-drug education campaign with community-based organizations.

The Guam Guard has among the highest membership per capita of any Guard organizations in the nation, with over 1700 members, consistently receiving top recruiting honors nationally, having the lowest attrition rate and the highest average recruiting and retention rate in the region.

The organization has also had significant impact on the local economy, contributing over \$86.5 million dollars in federal funds in fiscal year 2012.

This past weekend, hundreds of Guam Guard members and their families marked the 32nd anniversary with key events that started off with one of the largest 5K races on island, the Taotaomona 5K Run/Walk on Saturday. Over 1,500 local residents came out to run the race, according to race organizers. (PR)



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

FIREFIGHTERS' CHALLENGE

A female participant carries a 185-lb mannequin to a distance of 100 feet during the First Annual CNMI Firefighter Fitness Challenge on Saturday at the baseball field of Saipan airport. Three females joined 27 males in the solo category competition. Department of Public Safety's firefighter Marvin Rabauliman emerged as the champion in the solo category. The DPS elite team of firefighters was the champion in the team event by besting 11 other teams.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendment to the
Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezone)
For Alexander Realty & Development

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezone) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. Mr. Roy Alexander is requesting to rezone lots 330-4, 330-R2, 330-3, and 330-2 from "Village Commercial" to "Tourist Resort", for the construction and operation of a hotel with commercial space units. These areas are located across from the former Mobil Gas station in Oleai, and north of Kilili Beach Park.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: Thursday, August 22, 2013

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Zoning Office conference room, 2nd floor, Joeten Dandan Bldg.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, August 21, 2013. Please send written comments via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact Therese T. Ogomoro at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-2013-X-049 submitted by SSFM CNMI, LLC on behalf of Capital Improvement Project Office for the Kalebera Cave Development Project in Marpi, Saipan. The project site is to enhance the Kalabera Cave and adjacent parcel of approximately two (02) acres of public land plot 065-C-05 in Marpi, Saipan. The development project will include: 1,439 square meters for paved parking lot, concrete walkway from the parking lot to the entrance of the cave a distance of 128 meters, two (02) replicas of ancient Chamorro latte huts, a prayer/offering area, interpretive panels, portable toilets, and viewing platform.

The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2013, 6:30 PM at the Coastal Resources Management Office in Susupe, Saipan.

The public is invited to attend and make oral comments regarding this project. The project file is open for review and comments during business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Written comments can be submitted to the CRM Office located in Susupe, Saipan immediately behind the Bureau of Motor Vehicle building, or mail to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007 or fax at 664-8315. All written and oral comments received will be made a part of the permit application record, and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

/s/ Ana C. Agulto
Acting Administrator
Coastal Resources Management

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference room.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Public Comments ¹**
- III. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Revision of Commission Action No. 13-001-05212013
- IV. New Business**
 - a. TDHC Casino Employee Applications
- V. Executive Session ²**
- VI. Miscellaneous/ Administrative Matters**
- VII. Adjournment**

¹Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

²Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

REG'L HEALTHCARE NETWORK, FREE TRADE ZONE, CRUISE LINES

'MILA eyed to initially work on three areas of concern'



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider and Guam Legislature's Speaker Judi T. Won Pat pose for a photo after Won Pat's courtesy visit to the Lt. Governor last Friday. Speaker Won Pat, also head of the APIL, presented regional initiatives being pushed under her leadership. Among them are the formation of the Mariana Islands Legislatures Association, a regional health insurance program to include citizens of the Freely Associated States, and a Micronesian cruise line industry.

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Guam Speaker Judith Won Pat is pushing for the creation of a Mariana Islands Legislators Association that will work on three areas of concern: the creation of a regional healthcare network, formation of a free trade zone, and the establishment of cruise lines that will service Micronesia.

Won Pat, who is on island to take part in the Pacific Education Conference, said the main purpose of MILA is to serve as a forum for lawmakers in the region to put their heads together and solve the myriad problems besetting the island nations of the Western Pacific.

"We want to address other areas and not just the fact that we have common interests but that there are other areas we can help each other out like economical-

ly, socially, and culturally," she said.

Won Pat, who also serves as president of the Association of Pacific Islands Legislators, said she recently came from an APIL conference in Hawaii where representatives passed a "big resolution" calling for the creation of a healthcare network for all of the islands in Micronesia.

"All the insurance companies and the hospital responded to this call and they are now going to do a study and hopefully we want to have it done by October and they will report to APIL and we will meet with all the presidents, chiefs, and governors throughout the region as well because the implementation will have to be at their level."

She said the establishment of Micronesian cruise lines is also achievable and that she already

had some initial discussions with cruise ship companies about it.

In fact, Won Pat said, the cruise line association of Micronesia submitted to her a list of roadblocks that they usually encounter when they go out to the islands.

"It's their hope that by presenting this to the different governments they will start to address them...because this is a very new area and uncharted for us. We now have to have policies and legislation working together and department and agencies authorized to do this. We have to get our visitors bureau to start working also on this."

Unlike the regional healthcare network, she said the timeline for the cruise lines would be "something like two years."

"We can bring in cruise lines

Man, 51, allegedly sexually abused girl in 2009

»Wiseman imposes \$100,000 cash bail

A 51-year-old man was arrested on Saturday in Dandan for allegedly sexually abusing a then 16-year-old girl thrice in 2009.

Alfredo Evangelista Reyes was taken to Superior Court yesterday for his initial court appearance on charges of sexual assault in the first degree, sexual abuse of a minor, child abuse or neglect, indecent exposure, disturbing the peace, and assault and battery.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman imposed a \$100,000 cash bail for his temporary release and set the preliminary hearing for July 22 at 9am.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that

the Department of Public Safety started the investigation last June 10 after a social worker at the Domestic Violence Intervention Center reported a sexual assault case.

Kintoki said the alleged victim confessed to her mother about the sexual abuse only on June 9.

Kintoki said the preliminary investigation showed that Reyes allegedly first sexually abused the victim inside his car at the Lao Lao Beach sometime in 2009.

Reyes allegedly asked the girl to admit that she was having a sexual relationship with another person. Each time the girl would

deny it, the defendant would allegedly slap her on the face.

Reyes then allegedly stated that he was going to check if she was still a virgin and sexually abused her there and then.

A few months later in 2009, Reyes again allegedly sexually abused her inside his car at Coral Ocean Point beach. The girl said she was crying and kept pushing him away.

The last incident allegedly happened two to three months later in the jungle area by the Hawaiian Rock Company where the defendant sexually abused her.

Reyes allegedly promised the girl that it was the last time he would touch her. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

so we don't have to build so many hotel rooms because they will stay on the ships. They will shop here and watch cultural performances because they want something very different. They don't want to go to another big city. They want to go to the islands and see nature."

The creation of a free trade zone within the region, however, may very well be the toughest of the three to achieve, according to Won Pat.

Unlike the creation of a healthcare network and cruise lines for Micronesia, a free

trade zone will require individual governments in the region to deal with "U.S. Customs and Quarantine when we bring some items to the islands."

Won Pat used as an example Guam and Saipan's importation of bananas from South American countries when Pohnpei has over 20 different varieties of bananas.

Sen. Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan) said it is timely that the CNMI Legislature revisit MILA "because there are issues that are similar that can benefit both the CNMI and Guam in this

area. We can work together and actually address pressing issues because of the similarity in our geographic location and heritage."

To this end, Reyes is urging Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) to create a special ad hoc committee in the Senate to study Won Pat's proposals regarding MILA.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (R-Rota), meanwhile, said the CNMI and Guam can link up not only in the areas of healthcare, trade, and tourism but on education as well.

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'Release \$375K compact impact for school repairs'

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The Commonwealth's education officials want the Inos administration to release the supplemental compact impact funds earmarked for education so that school repairs could start soon this summer.

This compact impact fund totals \$375,000 and the Public School System plans to use the money for a number of projects that will help schools prepare for the opening of the new school year in two months.

In a joint letter to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero and Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., described the summer period as the perfect time to undertake the many repairs needed in schools.

"This summer we are doing the work to combine Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School and Tanapag Elementary School into a consolidated K-5 school at GTC. We are also transforming Tanapag into a middle school serving students grades 6, 7, and 8 from As Matuis, San Roque, Tanapag, [Capital] Hill, Navy Hill, Puerto Rico and Gapan," the two said in their letter.

They said the merger and reconfiguration of these schools will help alleviate the overcrowding at Hopwood Junior High School and will create a middle school in the northern sector of Saipan.

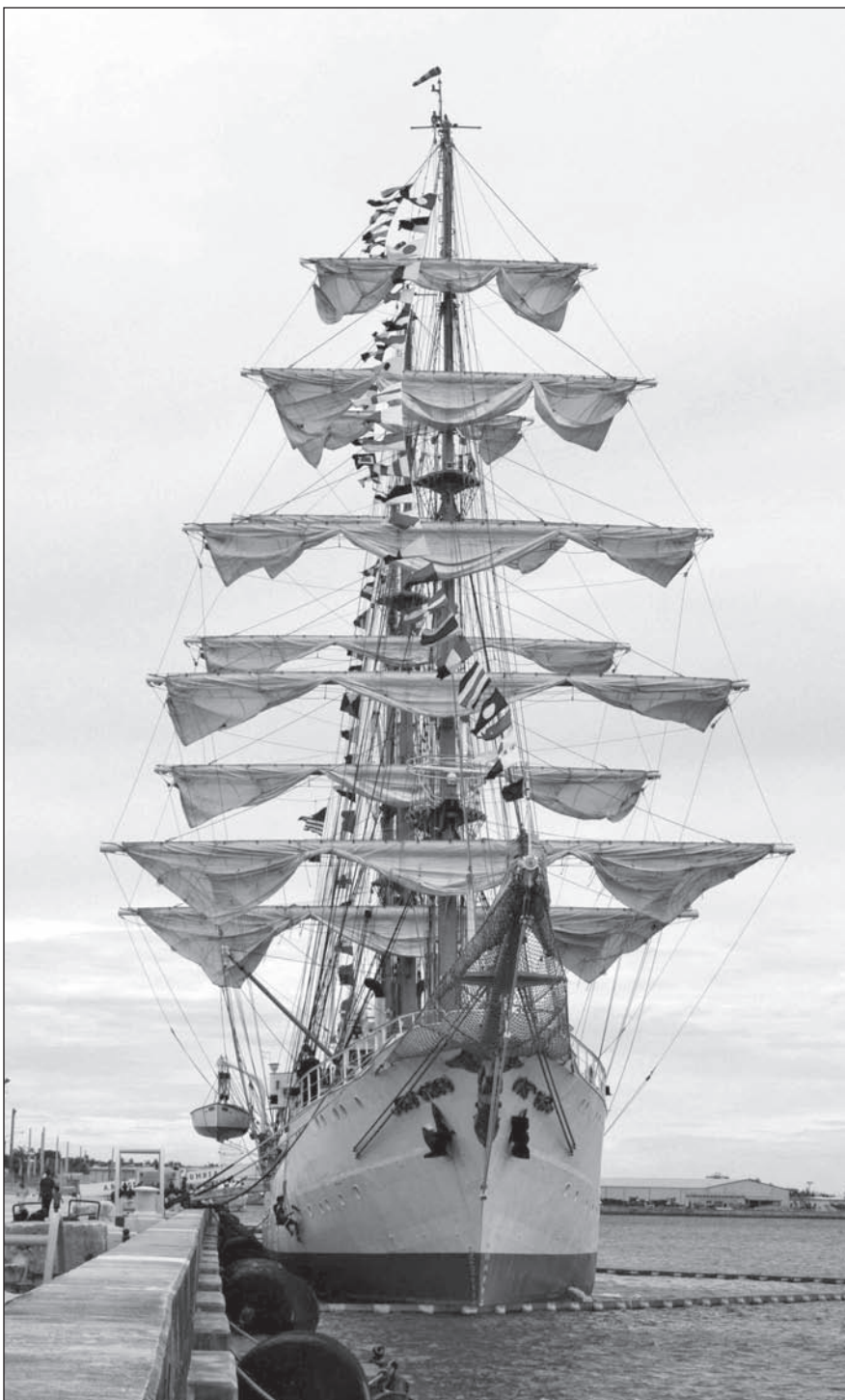
The board has yet to actually decide on the planned merger but it is expected to make the decision before the start of the new school year.

"We need the supplemental compact impact funds for the many repairs required to prepare these two schools for their new student populations as GTC will increase from 212 to 374 students and Tanapag will serve between 260 and 310 students," according to Sablan.

Based on the spending plan prepared by PSS, \$100,000 will be used for urgently needed renovations and repairs at schools.

Another \$158,000 will be used to pay IT&E for school telecommunication costs and \$60,000 will be used to print educational materials.

A total of \$57,000 will be used to partially pay the Retirement Fund for the employer share of PSS.



ARC GLORIA

The Colombian Navy's tall ship called the *Arc Gloria* made its way to Guam and was docked at Victor Wharf at Naval Station Guam this July 4th holiday weekend. Tours were conducted for those with base access.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 16, 2005

CDA loan applications spike

Local businesses are rushing to apply for loans with the Commonwealth Development Authority, following the May lifting of the five-year moratorium on direct loans. CDA loan officer Greg Calvo disclosed yesterday that the authority has received 15 loan applications since the moratorium's lifting, while many others have expressed interest in availing of the government's loan program. "Fifteen is a pretty high number, especially if you consider the amounts that the applicants are requesting. The applications range between \$25,000 and half a million dollars," Calvo said.

15 graduate from pre-law program

"No more bad jokes [about lawyers] coming from my mouth," said Saipan Rotary Club president James N. Whitt, soon after graduating with 14 others from the Summer Pre-law Program 2005 at the Guma Hustitia in Susupe. Whitt said that, after attending the summer program, he has now a higher respect for lawyers. The Rotary president was the last one to be given a 15-second speech about what they could say about the summer program. The summer program was held from June 27 to July 15 and held its graduation ceremony yesterday at the Guma Hustitia. Before the graduation ceremony, the 15 graduates went through a final test-a moot court from 8:30am to 11am-during which the participants conducted a mock appellate arguments, with one acting as an attorney for the appellant and the other as the attorney for the appellee.

July 16, 2006

Govt car sale next Friday

The Fitial administration is targeting to auction off the first batch of government vehicles next Friday, July 21, 2006. Esther Fleming, the governor's special assistant for administration, said the government, following inventory, is now looking at a decreased number of cars for sale. The auction is now seen to include about 300 cars, from an initial estimate of 500. "Some of the cars were [manufactured] in the early 1990s and they are no longer in good working condition," Fleming said.

New plan may not lessen govt liabilities

Buck Consultant expressed doubts that many defined benefit program members would be enticed to transfer to the newly created defined contribution plan. In order to have members voluntarily transfer to the new plan, "they must be provided with information that clearly details the effect of their transfer," it said. Based on this disclosure requirement, it is assumed that "only those members that believe the new plan will provide better benefits will elect to make the transfer." In general, the consultant said that if contribution levels for the two plans are equal, younger members of the defined contribution plan will get better benefits than older members, while in the defined benefit plan, older members will get better benefits than the younger ones.

July 16, 2007

MPLA paid \$162K for unneeded land

The former Marianas Public Lands Authority may have paid a landowner over \$160,000 for a property that was not needed by the government, according to the Office of the Public Auditor. In a review of the \$28-million land compensation fund, OPA found that a landowner received \$162,822 in compensation and interest for a lot that was never certified for any public purpose. This amount is part of a total \$300,000 payment that MPLA made to the land compensation claimant for two parcels of land. The government acquired the first lot for a ponding basin, and the second lot, for a right of way.

Ex-chief justice: State control over lands doesn't make sense

This is what former CNMI Supreme Court chief justice Jose Dela Cruz said of the current government's policy on land lease for private properties as well landownership in the CNMI. Commenting on Article 11, which limits land lease term to 40 years for public land and 55 years for private land, Dela Cruz said during the Marianas Visitors Authority general membership meeting Friday that the government should make needed adjustments to ensure investors stay in the Commonwealth. He said many investors including major hotels have not been investing much because of the uncertainty whether their leaseholds would be renewed or not.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CCA board meeting on July 23

The Commonwealth Cancer Association board of directors will be holding its meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. (PR)

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on July 25

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2013, at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. Guest speaker is Joseph Epina. To RSVP or for more information, call the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. (PR)

Summer school closed this week

Attention Kagman High, Marianas High School, and Saipan Southern High School: Due to Pacific Education Conference Week, classes for summer school will be closed the whole week of July 15-19. Classes will resume on July 22 from 8am-12pm. For more information, call the KHS Main Office at 237-3834 or 3907. (PR)

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM SANTA RITA, Guam

The U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 July 15 from 8am to noon. The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

- July 16-17: 10am to 2pm
- July 18: 10am to 1pm
- The U.S. Marines and U.S. Navy will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on July 15-19, from 10am to 11:59pm and during the following dates and times:

- Navy: July 16-19: from

12:01am to 2am

- Marines: July 20: 10am to 10pm

- Marines: July 21: 10am to 1pm and 2:30pm to 5pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (PR)

Free Friday child-friendly films at AMP

The American Memorial Park presents family-friendly films every Friday at 2pm in the Visitors Center auditorium. Come to the park and enjoy! From July

to August, the featured films are *UP*, *How To Train Your Dragon*, *Meet the Robinsons*, *Robots*, *Dinosaurs*, *Shrek*, and *Toy Story 3*. (PR)

Kluge to speak about Saipan

Acclaimed novelist P.F. Kluge will be the featured speaker at a reception hosted by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council at Fiesta Resort and Spa on Friday, July 26, from 6pm to 9pm.

His talk, "Saipan Then, Saipan Now, Saipan Tomorrow," will draw on his experience as a Peace Corps volunteer on Saipan from 1967 to 1969 and his numerous return visits to the island over the intervening half-century.

Tickets for this event are priced at \$25 per person and come with beer, wine, a variety of tasty hors d'oeuvres, and a chance to win an autographed copy of Kluge's latest novel, *The Master Blaster*.

Tickets may be purchased from council board members and staff or at the council's office in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai.

IP&E launches Lucky 7 Mile Advantage promotion

IP&E Saipan, in partnership with United MileagePlus, launched Monday an enhanced promotional offering. Beginning July 15 through Sept. 9, 2013, Shell Lucky 7 rewards members, upon auto conversion, will now receive 6 miles for every gallon purchased and a 500-mile reward upon first redemption. This continued partnership with United affords Shell Lucky 7 members secure, fast, easy, and automatic miles conversion.

Now more than ever, Lucky 7 provides more value per transaction than any other petroleum company in Guam and allows customers to reach the goal of a plane ticket faster than any other competing service station. In addition, auto converting is easy, safe, and secure with Shell.

"This is a testimony of IP&E's commitment to our customers in offering the very best deal in air-mile awards. We're proud to launch this partnership with

United MileagePlus and get our customers on Saipan where they want to go, both on the road and in the air, faster and easier than ever," said Brian Bamba, IP&E senior vice president.

"The Lucky 7 rewards program offers extraordinary benefits that are unmatched in the industry and customer insights continue to play a large role in making the best program even better," he added.

"United is pleased with our marketing partnership with

IP&E. The quality of their products and services aligns with the quality product and high-level of service we offer our customers at United," said Sam Shinohara, United's managing director for Business Development, Asia/Pacific.

Customers interested in autoporting with the Lucky 7 Rewards Program can fill out an application available at any Shell Station on Saipan or online at www.ipesaipan.com. Customers will begin

earning reward benefits immediately upon signup. During this promotional period, customers are eligible to receive 600 miles for redemption plus 500 bonus miles for a total of 1,100 mile reward.

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SENATE CONFIRMATION

Newly confirmed Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio poses with Senate members, family members, and well-wishers at the Senate chamber last Friday.

MARK RABAGO

APAFS to hold investment conference in Nov. in Manila

The Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies brings the prestigious Pacific Region Investment Conference to Manila on Nov. 7 and 8, 2013, at the New World Makati City Hotel, Manila, Philippines. On its 13th year, the PRIC remains the biggest investment conference yet to be organized by APAFS and

gathers numerous fund managers, investment experts, and finance professionals from different countries under one venue to discuss fresh insights and information about the current market trends and to address industry issues.

This year, APAFS is also presenting two more financial

educational programs to be held prior to the PRIC, the Fiduciary Essentials Certification (FE) Program to be held on Nov. 4, 2013; and, the Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF) Program to be held on Nov. 5 and 6 at the same hotel.

The FE Program is a one-day, classroom-based course aimed

to educate finance professionals in their roles as prudent fiduciaries and to minimize their personal liability. This is specifically designed for high-level investment stewards and provides the essentials for trustees, investment committee members,

administrators, advisors, attorneys, and accountants.

The AIF Training Program is an in-depth, two day classroom-based course that covers all of the components of a comprehensive investment process and related standards of care. Successful completion of the program prepares participants to take the AIF examination and enable them to

earn the AIF designation. Last year, over 30 participants took the AIF Training Program in Manila, Philippines.

"The PRIC continues to be one of the most anticipated investment conferences in the region as it never fails to tackle relevant issues in the fiduciary industries. We have the FE Program aboard for the first time and bringing for the third straight year AIF Training Program facilitated by f360," said Daniel Roland, APAFS executive director. "Holding the conference in the Philippines this year is very timely and relevant with all the investment upgrades the Philippines has received lately and the continuous improvement of the Philippine

economy. This a great time for more Filipinos to participate in the conference and be equipped by international standards."

For more details about the upcoming 13th Pacific Region Investment Conference, log-on to www.apafs.org. To register to the 13th PRIC, visit www.apaf-sevents.brandspeakasia.com.

The Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies is a Guam-based 501(c)3 non-profit educational and charitable association. APAFS was founded in 2000 by a forward thinking group of fiduciaries representing public and private institutional funds from throughout the diverse geographical area of the Asia Pacific region. (APAFS)

NMC English, math placement test schedule

The Northern Marianas College will be conducting the English and Math placement tests on the following dates:

- July 16: 9am, Testing Center (Bldg. I)
- July 16: 2pm, Testing Center (Bldg. I)
- July 17: 1pm, Testing Center (Bldg. I)
- July 23: 10am, Testing Center (Bldg. I)
- July 25: 1pm, Testing Center (Bldg. I)
- July 30: 9am, Testing Center (Bldg. I)
- Aug. 1: 1pm, Testing Center (Bldg. I)

Those who wish to take courses at NMC must take the placement tests. The deadline to apply for admission for NMC's fall 2013 semester is July 31, 2013.

Before taking a placement

test, individuals must first fill out a Placement Request Form at the Office of Admissions and Records (Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm) and pay the \$25 fee for each placement test at the NMC Cashier (Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4pm). Payment for the admission application fee will cover the English placement test fee. Students will not be allowed to take the placement tests without their processed Placement Request Form and a valid photo ID (driver's license, passport, or school ID).

Also, those planning on taking the placement test are highly encouraged to make seating arrangements prior to the test date by contacting Daniel Kintol at the Testing Center in Building I at 234-5498 Ext. 1350 or by emailing danielk@nmcnet.edu.

Note that part of the English placement test is computer-based when testing on Listening, Reading and Grammar, and the final part of the test requires a handwritten essay on a provided topic. Moreover, the math placement test is entirely computer-based with pencils and scratch paper provided at the Testing Center. Also, the use of approved types of calculators is allowed during the math placement test (contact Kintol to find out if your calculator may be used).

For more information or to make arrangements regarding the placement tests, contact Kintol at the Testing Center in Building I at 234-5498 Ext. 1350 or by emailing danielk@nmcnet.edu. For additional information about placement tests and NMC's fall 2013 semester, log on to nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

Water outage in Koblerville on Thursday, Friday

Koblerville residents will experience a nine-hour partial water outage on Thursday, July 18, 2013, and Friday, July 19, 2013, from 8am to 5pm on both days, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, AIC Marianas Inc., to replace non-working gate valves on Ahu Dr. and Atmayas St. (Turn Key area). This project is part of the Ko-

blerville gate valve and fire hydrant replacement project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The partial water outage on Thursday, July 18, 2013, will affect residents living on Ahu Dr., Paksiu Ct., Charakiles Ct. and Atmayas St.

The partial water outage on Friday, July 19, 2013, will affect the residents living on Paksiu Ct., Charakiles Ct. and Atmayas St.

CUC's operations team and AIC Marianas will be working hard to return service to customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorists take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the construction sites.

For more information, contact project manager Yvonne Cabrera, at (670) 235-7025-30 Ext. 324. (CUC)

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Paralysis on Capitol Hill hurts American public

Lawmakers return to work on Capitol Hill this week, but the record of the 113th Congress so far offers little hope that they can make progress—on anything.

Last week, legislative inaction allowed interest rates to double on federally subsidized college student loans, even though members on both sides of the aisle agreed that this was a bad idea.

Just a few days earlier, a combination of House Republicans and Democrats managed to unite just long enough to kill a farm-aid bill, the sort of measure once considered a sure thing even in times of bitter partisan division.

Modest gun control measures, favored by vast majorities in public opinion polls? Forget it.

As for the immigration bill, it passed the Senate after a month of debate, but many Republicans in the House are dead-set against any provision that offers a path to citizenship for the nation's 11 million or so undocumented immigrants. Democrats made clear on Tuesday that this would be a deal-breaker, for obvious reasons: Without the pathway to citizenship, there is no immigration reform.

Even by the poor standards of the last few years, the Congress that returns to Capitol Hill to begin the second half of its first term is doing a remarkably poor job, according to published news reports. By this time in 2011, Congress had passed 23 laws, even then considered a historically low number. But the current Congress is trying its best to do worse, and it's succeeding: Only 15 laws have been passed so far this year, but even that figure is misleading.

One bill raised the government's borrowing limit, prodding the Senate to pass a budget bill for the first time in years. But that was months ago, and members of the GOP have blocked efforts to allow House and Senate negotiators to come up with a compromise for the next fiscal year.

The dysfunction in the House extends to the Senate, which failed to pass a gun control provision over background checks, even though it has the support of 90 percent of the public. Republican senators have also blocked President Obama's appointments to fill vacant cabinet and agency positions, including the secretary of Labor, the head of the EPA and director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

The common thread is a rejection of compromise and GOP antagonism to President Obama at every turn. One of the few measures to pass the House is a repeal of the president's healthcare plan, even though such measures are guaranteed to die in the Senate.

The victims of this paralysis are students in need of college loans, farmers who rely on stable government policies, the millions who will be left in the lurch by the failure of immigration reform—and anyone else who believes government can play a role in improving the common good.

The last six months have been awful, but it's not too late for the 113th Congress to do better. Approving immigration reform would be a good place to start.

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Ya'an in earthquake country

It is called the Longmenshan fault that runs through Ya'an, the area where the two famous earthquakes in the last decade in China occurred. The Wenchuan 2008 tremor amputated Liao Zhi's legs but the aspiring artist got herself fitted with an artificial leg and learned to dance with incredible skill and graciousness. She made the finals at last weekend's China Dream, the country's version of America's Got Talent, save this one is exclusively for dance.

Our option was to head for Lijiang and Shangri-La in Yunnan, then Kunming and work our way back to Dong Bei, perhaps, through historic Hunan of Mao since we already hit Guilin of the karst hills two solar revolutions ago. But we decided there is enough diversity in Sichuan so we headed for Ya'an, earthquake country. Maybe may have risen from a deep death wish. Lushan county in Ya'an was the site of an over-7 magnitude tremor last April, caused a lot of damage, and extracted a number of lives, though not as extensive as the Wenchuan tremor from the same fault five years earlier where it was revealed that the construction of public schools was a bit shabby.

Of course, born in Pea Eye, a resident of Hawai'i, and having lived in both Guam and on Saipan, where numerous recorded tremors are a daily occurrence, a tremor is more a practical event to anticipate rather than a surprise that catches one off guard.

Our way up to Kangding from Chengdu was actually through Shimian southwest of Ya'an, as the regular shorter route through Tianquan had a few landslides on the road. We noted earlier that Sichuan is evidently building a highway in the sky as towering structures are being prepared to bridge one mountaintop to another without having to zig-zag down to the gorge and the valley, and then back up again. This would be like having pillars holding a highway traversing Saipan's Tapuchao hunchback from one end to the other, without going through Gualo Rai, making it possible to travel from the airport to Bird Island in 15 minutes!

On the return to Ya'an, the bus took the other way around. The

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road to Shimian had landslides this time while the one through Tianquan had relatively been cleared. However, what would have normally taken less than four hours ended up taking 10. The landslides were cleared but it left a lot of one-way traffic in sections on the winding road by rivers and mountainsides. Add the Chinese free form as-long-as-I-am-first driving style, there were too many gridlock in traffic that we regretted sitting right behind the driver where

we had a front view of the foolishness and stupidity of it all!

On the other hand, the conductor knew enough English to tell us of Ya'an's distinctive three things that we should not miss: the rain, a fresh water fish specie that is a delicacy, and its girls.

The rain is frequent enough. Add its loosening effect on the mountainside, along with earthquakes, and we understand Shan-

gri-La is not just fun and basking in the sun but actually making the rain and sun work to its favor. Ya'an is noted for its tea farms on the surrounding hillside, its grape vines, and the rainforest of its gorges and valleys.

We are partial to fish being essentially an island person, though our taste buds are more accustomed to the sea specie than its fresh water cousins. Chinese cuisine, probably from Guangdong, have a way of deep frying their fish so that the fins and bones become brittle and crunchy source of calcium rather than thrown away as we do when we fillet the trout and lose a lot of its nutritious elements.

Then, the girls. In Chengdu, we were offered "virgins," so non-

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The Ya'an palace across the Min river.

JAIME R. VERGARA

Lina’la’ Hinimidde

Dispues de kuarenta años gi ‘nos kuantos offisiun profes-sionat, ha birague’ i prohimu tatte ti hagas lanchun fa-milia ya ha tutuhon man-bende lechen guaka gi halom buteya.

Hagas bisnis familia ni ha ta’lun pumañgun yan i asaguaña. Ma-planeha para ma-adelanta bisnis niha adumididi’. Lau gi primet ha’ane, mas ke 150 na tautau mañauna man-machuli’e leche gi halom buteya. Ti mahuhulat pa’gu fumalague sa’ mas ke 700 tantos na kastuma (customers) guaha ni debi u fan machuli’e leche kada oga’an.

Fresku na leche ni ti gumacha’ tañke sa’ dispues de mafogse gin-en sisun i guaka humanau halom gi buteya. Mana maneñgheñt un’ ratu dispues mapega gi menan pottan manman-inkatga. Mafaisen i prohimu haf’ na ha diside humatme tatte hagas bisnis familia?

Malagu’ na u chage yan familiaña linala’ humidde gi bisnis leche. Ha hahassu buente i kinententon mañainaña ‘nai siha un’ tiempu pumetsige ayu na bisnis. Sumen nina’ ma’aggem i prohimu ni bis-nis familia gi un’ dikiki’ na komunida ‘nai memetgot ha’ trabiha i mañge’ na sensian komunida.

Este na fina’pos fuetsau hu konsidera kau siña i natibu ha bi-rague’ tatte gi hagas fafayiña ya u establese bisnis dikiki’ ‘nai libia-nu hasoda’e suffisiente fondu para nesessidat familia. Gi hinasoghu libianu este kumu ta pega gi un’ banda sensian banida ya ta atetuye haf’ siña sumugun halom gi pottanmonedata mas koble.

Gi mismu tiempu hulilie’ lokue’ na guaha este mutmorasioña: Kontodu i ti mafañañagu malagu’ gumubietnu! A’ Saina na maña gi halom sisonyan miyon yan miyon pesus na dibi.

Kompanian niyok giya Filipinas

Un’ taloane, sige hu guadog haf’ siha na industria guaha siha giya Filipinas. Hu petsige este na hinusga pot hu huñgog na man-felis tat kompania produktun ginen niyok. Este na kompania mas ke \$2 bi-

yon pesus na bisnis pla’gu na tiempu. Enteru elmundu ‘nai ha met-kakau produktun niyok tat kumu habun, palai lasas, trastes areglun matan famalao’an, gaput ulu, paupau yan otu siha atte.

I mas guaguan na laña ni mametkakau ayu i mafa’ tika. Mas gua-guan este na laña ke ayu i maproduduse kantida gi halom fakteria. I Japones mas umaprueba este na klasen laña para usun lasas niha gi tiempoun maneñgheñg. Kontodu laña ni guaha gi mañainata nu-mae’ hagas bisitan Japones gi sisienta yan sitienta siha na sakan mas apruebau ke hafa na kachet lasas.

Konsidera ya siña un’ tutuhon maseha dikiki’ na tikan niyok ni un’ fa’ laña. Achog gi halom natibu siempre u fahna ennau na laña. Tat mas mauleg para añglu’ lasas tatautau-ta ke lañan niyok. Yangin kulan mampos metgot pau tika, na’ye ha’ dididi’ ni mas yamu na paupaumu sa’ areglau.

Pedulas asukat tuba

Magahet na man-kabilosu i mañeluta ginen iya Filipinas. Sige ma-atetuye tinanom niyok tres años. Dispues ma-aregla gi halom laba-ratoriu simiyan niyok ni man-produse gi halom dos años.

I bidan niha matuba todú tinanom niyok dos años ya maproduse pedulas asukat ni tai asukat. Todú i maproduse mafafahan ni un’ siuda giya Japon. Todus fina’ miet ginen chigu’ tuba mametkakau lokue’ giya Japon.

Konsidera un’ ratu haf’ mohon siña tachogue yan tuban niyok dos anos. Para i manadan man-daibetes guine, libianu ta bende pedu-las asukat ginen tuba ni tai asukat. Huñgan mames lau tai asukat! Homlu’ ñaihon siempre i natibu ni man-ninana’ye chetnot diabetes. Dididi ha’ na animu ya guaha tumotuhon este na klasen bisnis libi-anu mamatinas suffisiente salape’ para mantension familia.

Lugat moda yan dandan

I mas man-famosu na kompanian magagu iya Filipinas ‘nai machu-

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chule haf’ i sigiente na moda yan modun linahyan. Ti hu komprende haf’ linie’ niniha gi mañeluta lau iya Filipinas i enteru elmundu ‘nai machuchule’ nuebu na moda siha. Kontodu dandan, iya Fililpinas ‘nai man-e’ekuñgog kau kantan cowboy pat otu klasen dandan i mamamaila’.

Magahet na megai gi famalao’an niha man-mauleg man-mina-gagu. Bula lokue’ man-mauleg na danderu gi tautau niha. Esta la-megai man-gaige gi enteru siudan elmundu man-dadandan deste Paris, London, Tokyo, Sydney yan otu siha lugat. Kumu un’ soda’ mauleg niha, taya’ difirensia yan otu fuera ke rasa. I talent kables yan presentau maseha manu gi tanu’.

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Hu ñañgun i amigo Magoo na guaha esta karetan guaka ni huma-hanau sin guaka gi entalu’ onse. Ha atanyu dispues ilegña, “Pa’gu hu tutuñgu’ na gai abilidad hau muron”. Hu keke esplika pot tinilai-ka siha ni inafuetsas modetnu na teknalaye (technology). Era, esta tres estadu giya America ‘nai guaha kareta humahanau gi chalan sin draiba ya ni un’ biahe ‘nai aksidente.

Lau ileghu na mas ha’ intereshu gaige gi bandan setbisiun hinem-lu’. Pot ihemplu, kau pedulas ha’ uttimoña i setbisiun hinemlu’? Yangin guaha amot yan mediku, haf’ na ni un’ chetnot mamaguñg? Ta diskute este gi otu biahe.

This Ramadan, what has happened to Islam?

By YASMINE BAHRANI
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

This Ramadan I’m praying for a miracle. Islam’s holy month begins this week, and millions of Muslims every-where are fasting, reflecting and asking God to answer prayers. Like millions of American Muslims, I will be thinking about the cycle of violence that appears to have taken on a life of its own, and I worry that cycle is unstoppable.

The so-called Arab Spring was thought to mean a new beginning; but the wave of change did not bring freedom and prosperity to the region. Instead two years into this new chapter, people everywhere are fighting one another. In Egypt the Muslim Brotherhood-led administration was overthrown last week, leaving at least 50 people dead. In Iraq and in Lebanon, Sunnis and Shiites trade bombs and insults. In Syria, the Sunni majority is caught in a bloody battle with the minority Alawites. And Shiites are attacked in such faraway places as Pakistan and Indonesia.

What happened to the faith? The answers are complicated, but many religious leaders encourage their followers to shun those different from them. Al-Jazeera TV’s Sheik Yousuf al-Qardawi calls Shiites “heretics,” clearing the way for Sunnis to harm or even kill them. Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei denies mi-

norities their rights and reportedly prevented the building of a Sunni mosque in Tehran.

Some argue that secularism is better than religion. But the secu-lars are seen as unbelievers by the political Islamists, and the secu-lars themselves look down upon the Islamists. The military rulers in several countries, including Egypt, were secular. Those govern-ments colored the impression of Muslims by mistreating the popu-lation and imprisoning and torturing anyone who disagreed with them, including Islamists.

Naturally the dictators don’t represent everyone. Plenty of secu-lars observe the faith but believe in the separation of mosque and state, but the political Muslims don’t see it that way.

Another problem is the Western press calls the Muslim Brother-hood “moderates,” for some unknown reason, when Egypt’s first elected leader Muhammad Morsi’s year in power illustrates little moderation. Traditionally the Brotherhood looked the other way when other groups, such as the less-tolerant Salafists, are jailed and tortured. And under the Brotherhood’s rule, violence against wom-en, already a problem in Egypt, became commonplace.

Where is that pleasant Islam I knew when I was growing up? Religious observances were warm and neighborly when I lived in Baghdad as a child of a Sunni mother and a Shiite father. I remem-ber marking religious occasions with traditional exchanges of pas-tries. Our Christian neighbors sent a plate of cookies, and we sent one over to celebrate an occasion. That was how it had been for years and years. Where are those people who respected each other’s beliefs? Today I hear about claims that Iran is trying to convert ev-eryone to its Shiite sect. And others tell me that Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states are trying to destroy Shiites. And still others tell me the seculars are godless creatures headed for hellfire.

I know ordinary Muslims are being pushed aside by political forces fighting for the mainstream. It’s those very forces that fright-en me. Egypt is accusing Iran of interfering in its affairs. The Gulf

States such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates despise Shiite Iran and so they reportedly finance Sunni political movements that are intolerant. The Gulf Cooperation Council just agreed to expel members of the Shiite community, and Qatar started by kicking out 18 Lebanese workers who belong to the Shiite sect. For their part, the Shiites, backed by Iran, wreak hav-oc in Iraq and Lebanon—not to mention Syria. In other words, political leaders on both sides promote intolerance of the two sects of Islam and of Christians, Bahai’s, and other minorities. And the saddest thing is that many Muslims accept and follow these ideas blindly.

Certainly it’s easy to call all ignorant and argue that the solution is education. Never mind that it will take years before those who throw children to their deaths from the roofs of buildings to under-stand tolerance and respect. How can we stop the killing?

Critics say Muslims have to deal with it on their own. What does that require of the average Muslim? March in the streets? Egyptians and Bahrainis did. Rise up? Check. Demand rights from leaders? Check. Clearly non-political Muslims need help.

While political Muslims demonize each other’s groups, the Unit-ed States has adopted a wait-and-see approach. I am not sure what we are supposed to make of this, but I worry it means more civilians will die before things get better.

That’s why I’m praying for a miracle. And I think I’m not the only one. As we sit down each evening this month to break our fast on traditional lentil soup, many will ask God for answers. Some are afraid of what that answer will be. Even Ahmed el-Tayeb, the grand imam of Cairo’s al-Azhar just announced that he will go into seclusion until the violence is over. I never thought I’d say this, but I know just how he feels.

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YA’AN

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chalantly as calling cards showed up daily on your doorstep. At half price being over 60 to enter the Panda Park, I joked with a Dane gentleman in our group if they also gave 50 percent discount on the nubile offerings in Ya’an. Slightly younger than I, and maybe speaking out of personal knowledge, he responded with a straight face: “Yeah, but they only put out 50 percent effort!” There.

Ya’an is a picturesque sprawling industrial city on the western end of the transition from the Sichuan basin to the mountains head-ing toward the Sichuan plateau of the Tibetan Autonomous Prefec-tures. Known as early as the Zhou Dynasty before the Qin, it was accessed later by Europeans more from Tibet than from Chongqing. It became the provincial capital of Xikang before it merged with Sichuan in 1951.

We went western this time in our hotel choice, one located by one of the upper tributaries of the Yangtze. Next to our hotel is a palace that straddles one of the bridges across the Min River. The “palace” was built for shops but became a traffic nightmare so it is now just a majestic presider over the whole city, brightly lit at night. The region is not only dotted with developed hydroelectric plants for the state grid, it also has abundant supply of natural gas, so it has adequate electricity without much of the carbon from coal broilers in the north.

Ya’an is a city of ease and comfort under constant threat of earth- quakes. We found China.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for LibDay’s success

Dear CNMI: The public comments and remarks have been very supportive of this year’s Liberation Day celebration. A spirit of co-operation was seen throughout the seven days of festivities, and was due in large part to the overwhelming support of the general public, government agencies, private businesses, and individuals.

With an event such as Liberation Day, it is difficult to thank each one who contributed generously and volunteered their time. Libera-tion Day was a success because of the efforts of the contributors, sponsors, supporters, vendors, entertainers, parade participants, vol-unteers, and the families of the Liberation candidates. Also, to our men and women in uniform, veterans, the Guam Liberation Queen, Japan Queen and all our off-island guests, visitors and entertainers. I hope that the theme, “Spirit of Cooperation – Life, Liberty and

the Pursuit of Happiness,” continues to echo in our minds and hearts and gives each of us a chance to extend our support and cooperation to our elected leaders, government officials, the private sector, and ourselves as a collective unit to improve our daily lives and enjoy freedom.

The Liberation Committee members and I would like to extend our most sincere thank you to the general public for their participa-tion at the 68th Liberation Day celebration.

Let freedom ring! Thank you!






Vicente C. Camacho

*President/Chairman
2013 Liberation Day Committee*

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly sunny with isolated showers in the morning, then isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 81
Palau	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 75
Yap	Showers	▲ 90 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 79
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Kosrae	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 76
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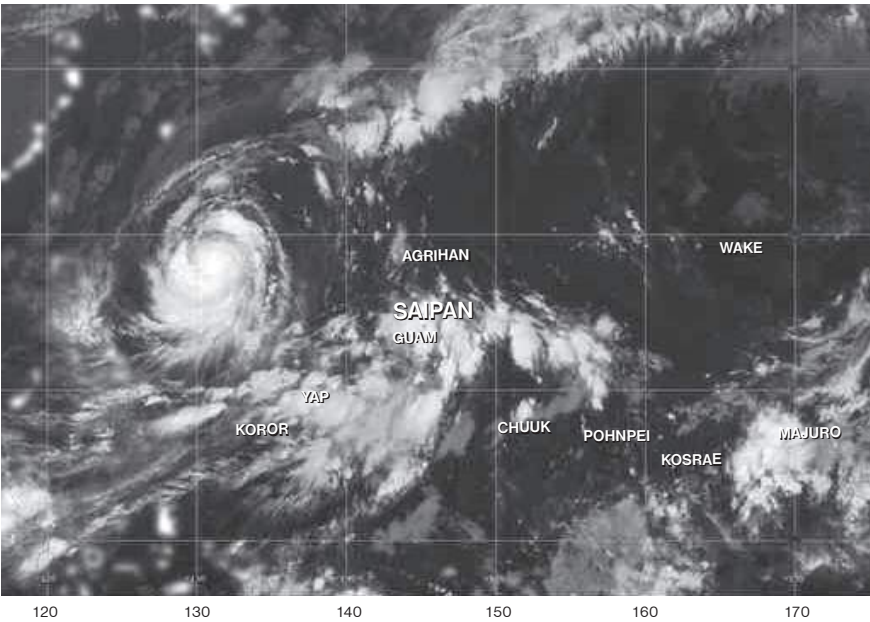
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London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 67
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 77
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 94 ▼ 75
Osaka	Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 77
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Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 72
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 95 ▼ 79

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:38 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
8:40 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
2:30 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
8:01 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with a tropical disturbance are occurring well to the northwest of Koror and Yap between 11N and 19N from 130E to 132E. A surface trough running from 5N156E to 1N159E is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Chuuk and Pohnpei between the equator and 6N from 151E to 157E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers mainly north and northeast of Majuro within 50 miles of a line running from 9N172E to 11N172E and between 12N and 15N from 173E to 180. An upper-level low west of Minami Tori Shima centered at 25N153E and a second upper-level low northwest west of Wake Island at 25N162E are producing pockets of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 20N and 25N from 149E to 167E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:55 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:56 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:16 PM
Wednesday	1:12 PM 12:14 AM
Thursday	2:11 PM 1:03 AM
Friday	3:13 PM 1:56 AM
Saturday	4:15 PM 2:55 AM

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UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily	UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
				DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7				
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
				OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
				OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
				OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)				KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7	SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN				
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OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
				UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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Business

Online course will let students give money away

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—A free online course that starts Monday will offer students the chance to learn about giving from Warren Buffett and help decide how to spend more than \$100,000 of his sister's money.

More than 4,000 people have already signed up for the course that will also feature philanthropic advice from baseball legend Cal Ripken Jr. and the founders of Ben & Jerry's ice cream, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield. Boston Red Sox Chairman Tom Werner and journalist Soledad O'Brien are other featured guests. The amount being given away could grow if more students sign up.

Buffett and his older sister, Doris Buffett, will be featured

in the first class to talk about their motivation for philanthropy. Warren Buffett is gradually giving away all of his \$58 billion Berkshire Hathaway stock while Doris Buffett has already given more than \$150 million away en route to her goal of redistributing all her wealth before she dies.

"The trick is not to have her give it away faster than I make it," Warren Buffett joked because his family's wealth is tied to the Berkshire Hathaway conglomerate he runs.

Each one of the big-name givers will be featured in videos at the end of each of the six class sessions discussing an aspect of philanthropy.

But everyone involved with

the course agrees that the fact students get a chance to give away real money may be more important than the famous speakers because it makes the lessons more powerful.

"It's an experience that gives profound insight into deciding how we meet the needs of our society," said Rebecca Riccio, the Northeastern University professor who will teach the course.

The Giving With Purpose online course is modeled after a class that has been taught at more than 30 universities that allows students to give away \$10,000 after evaluating several nonprofits and learning about effective giving. This online offering allowed Doris Buffett's Sunshine Lady foundation to

expand the classes without adding staff to manage the program.

"Giving With Purpose allows us to extend the classroom walls to include any individual passionate about philanthropy," Doris Buffett said in a statement. "There are thousands of people with the energy and ideas to make a difference."

Riccio said the course will focus on individual decision-making in giving and will teach strategies students can use to make sure their donations are effective.

"I'm trying to teach people about giving with their heart and their head," Riccio said.

Charitable gifts should be relevant to whatever people are passionate about, Riccio said. But this class will teach peo-

ple how to judge what kind of impact a nonprofit makes and how well-run the charity is based on how much it spends on administration.

Allyson Goldhagen said she hopes many more people sign up for the class because she found the university version of the course so valuable, and she's looking forward to helping teach the online course.

Taking Riccio's class at Northeastern shaped the way Goldhagen thinks about nonprofits and helped her land her current job at the Associated Grant Makers, where she helps charities in the Boston area become more efficient.

Goldhagen said the course can help people realize how important their gifts are to

nonprofits, even if they are modest. That's why she talked both of her parents into taking the course.

"I really hope that they start to think differently about the world and their impact on it," Goldhagen said.

Doris Buffett's grandson, Alex Buffett Rozek, organized the online course, and he said he hopes this will be the first of many times it is offered.

In addition to what students learn in the course about effective giving, the nonprofits involved are also learning because usually the classes focus on smaller local charities. As students review organizations that might receive grant money, the charities learn about the process of winning grants.

Courts will treat Asiana passengers differently

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—When the courts have to figure compensation for people aboard Asiana Airlines Flight 214, the potential payouts will probably be vastly different for Americans and passengers from other countries, even if they were seated side by side as the jetliner crash-landed.

An international treaty governs compensation to passengers harmed by international air travel—from damaged luggage to crippling injuries and death. The pact is likely to close U.S. courts to many foreigners and force them to pursue their claims in Asia and elsewhere, where lawsuits are rarer, harder to win and offer smaller payouts.

Some passengers have already contacted lawyers.

"If you are a U.S. citizen, there will be no problem getting into U.S. courts. The other people are going to have a fight on their hands," said Northern California attorney Frank Pitre, who represents two Americans who were aboard the plane.

Federal law bars lawyers from soliciting victims of air disasters for the first 45 days after the crash. Pitre said his clients called him.

Congress enacted that law in 1996 amid public anger over lawyers who solicited clients in the days immediately following the ValuJet Flight 592 crash in the Florida Everglades and the crash of TWA Flight 800 off the

New York coast.

National Transportation Safety Board attorney Benjamin Allen reminded attorneys of the rules in a mass email sent Thursday.

"We are closely monitoring the activities of attorneys following this accident, and will immediately notify state bar ethics officials and other appropriate authorities if impermissible activity is suspected," the message said.

The flight that broke apart recently at the San Francisco airport was carrying 141 Chinese, 77 South Koreans, 64 Americans, three Canadians, three Indians, one Japanese, one Vietnamese and one person from France when it approached the runway too low and too slow. The Boeing 777 hit a seawall before skittering across the tarmac and catching fire.

Three girls from China were killed and 182 people injured, most not seriously.

Two girls, Ye Mengyuan and Wang Linjia, both 16, died right away. It is unclear, however, whether Ye Mengyuan died in the crash or in the chaotic aftermath. Both girls' parents appeared at a vigil Saturday near the airport, and thanked, through a translator, the more than 100 people in attendance for their support, KGO-TV reported. The other victim killed, 15-year-old Liu Yipeng, died Friday at a hospital where she had been in critical condition since the July 6 crash.

US gas prices down a penny over past 3 weeks

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP)—The average U.S. price of a gallon of gasoline has dropped a penny over the past three weeks.

The Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released Sunday says the price of a gallon of regular is \$3.59. Midgrade costs an average of \$3.77 a gallon, and premium is \$3.91.

Diesel remained unchanged at \$3.90 gallon.

Of the cities surveyed in the Lower 48 states, Charleston, S.C., has the nation's lowest average price for gas at \$3.22. Chicago has the highest at \$4.04.

In California, the lowest average price was \$3.79 in Sacramento. The highest was in Los Angeles at \$4.02. The average statewide for a gallon of regular was \$3.95, a decrease of six cents.

China's economic growth slows more as trade slumps

BEIJING (AP)—China's leaders face new pressure to stimulate a slowing economy after growth fell to its lowest since 1991, hurt by weak trade and efforts to cool a credit boom.

The world's second-largest economy expanded 7.5 percent over a year earlier in the three months ending in June, down from the previous quarter's 7.7 percent, data showed Monday. Growth in factory production, investment and other indicators weakened.

The fifth straight quarter of growth below 8 percent is "a clear sign of distress," said IHS Global Insight analyst Xianfang Ren in a report. With investment weak, she said growth might be "at risk of stalling."

Analysts said growth could fall further in the current quarter, adding to pressure on communist leaders who took power last year and are trying to shift China from reliance on exports and investment to slower, more sustainable growth based on domestic consumption.

Chinese leaders are likely to respond by launching new stimulus to make sure growth hits their target for this year of 7.5 percent, said Credit Agricole CIB economist Dariusz Kowalczyk. He said that might include weakening the Chinese currency to spur exports or pumping money into the economy through higher public works spending.

"We will see some targeted measures to stimulate growth," said Kowalczyk. "They have to do something. Otherwise they will miss their target. And they cannot afford that, because this is their first year in power."

A decline in Chinese economic activity could have global repercussions, denting revenues for suppliers of commodities and industrial components such as Australia, Brazil and Southeast Asia. Lower Chinese de-



In this photo taken July 10, 2013, a man walks past the downtown skyline of Shanghai, China.

mand already has depressed prices for iron ore and other raw materials.

Despite the slowdown, communist leaders have expressed determination to stick to plans aimed at nurturing slower and more sustainable growth.

"Major indicators are within our targeted range but we face a complex situation," said a spokesman for the statistics bureau, Sheng Laiyuan, at a news conference.

Sheng said the government's goal is to "promote restructuring" and make more of the "driving force" of the market.

Growth in factory output slowed to 9.3 percent for the first half of the year, down 0.2 percentage point from the first quarter's rate, the statistics bureau reported. Growth in investment in factories and other fixed assets in the first half declined by 0.8 percentage points to 20.1 percent. Retail sales in the first half rose 12.7 percent but that was down 1.7 percentage points from a year earlier.

"Further deceleration is pos-

sible if reforms and stimulus measures are delayed," said Alastair Chan of Moody's Analytics in a report.

Chinese leaders have promised to launch reforms aimed at making the economy more productive and helping entrepreneurs but no major changes are expected until after a Communist Party meeting in the autumn.

Growth also has been dented by a crackdown on overly fast growth in bank lending. Government efforts to tighten lending controls caused a temporary shortage of credit in Chinese financial markets last month.

Further efforts to rein in lending, especially unregulated private lending, could hurt entrepreneurs who generate most of the country's new jobs and wealth.

The ruling party's 7.5 percent growth target for the year is stronger than forecasts for the United States, Europe and Japan, but China's weakest performance since 1991. Finance Minister Lou Jiwei appeared to try to lower expectations last week when he told

reporters in Washington that growth as low as 6.5 percent would be tolerable.

The International Monetary Fund cut its year growth forecast for China last week to 7.8 percent compared with 8.1 percent in April. The IMF's forecast for 2014 was cut to 7.7 percent from 8.3 percent. The Fund's chief economist, Olivier Blanchard, said China was the country at the greatest risk of a "large decrease in growth."

Earlier this month, Beijing promised changes in its government-run banking industry, including possible creation of privately owned lenders, to increase the supply of credit to entrepreneurs and more productive companies. It gave no timetable.

"The payoff from such financial consolidation efforts will most likely show up in the medium and long-term, even if implemented successfully," said Ren of IHS Global Insight. "In the near term, the downside risk for growth has become much more elevated now than a few months ago."

Nation

Zimmerman fate following acquittal uncertain

SANFORD, Fla. (AP)—Following his acquittal on all charges in the fatal shooting death of Trayvon Martin, George Zimmerman will spend no time behind bars.

But that's about the only certainty in the former neighborhood watch volunteer's immediate future.

The Department of Justice has announced it will look into the case, which could lead to criminal civil rights charges, and Zimmerman may also face civil lawsuits from Martin's family.

He could also potentially

make a lot of money by writing a book or from a lawsuit he filed last year against a major television network for allegedly editing his 911 call to police to make it sound like he was racist.

For the moment, however, veteran publicists say Zimmerman's options are limited.

The case and his trial have become—for some—a symbol of everything that's wrong with the country's justice system, and with race relations in America today.

The six-member jury's not-guilty verdict late Saturday

prompted a wave of anger among civil rights leaders and others, and protests have erupted across the country. Image handlers say Zimmerman needs to take that anger, and potential death threats, seriously.

"I have one short piece of advice for him," said Jonathan Bernstein, president of the Southern California-based Bernstein Crisis Management Inc. "Hide."

Hiding is not an unfamiliar feeling for Zimmerman, whose last known appearance in public was on Feb. 26, 2012, the night of the shooting. He was headed



In this image from video, George Zimmerman smiles after a not guilty verdict was handed down in his trial at the Seminole County Courthouse, Sunday, July 14, 2013, in Sanford, Fla.

celebrities and politicians. "It moves with you."

Davis described what he thinks is the optimal security plan for someone in Zimmerman's situation: a big team of guards for the initial few weeks following the verdict, a cross-country move, and an armored car. Restaurants would have to be pre-screened, exercise would have to be done in a home gym and a trip to the movies would be out of the question.

"You can't go in that store alone, you can't go to the movies ever, unless you rent out the whole theater for yourself," he said. "A movie theater is a death trap."

All of this isn't cheap. Davis estimates that it would cost \$3,000 a day initially to pay for such security. But if it keeps Zimmerman alive, he said, it's a small price to pay.

To be sure, there are less expensive security and bodyguard options. But all will cost money—and Zimmerman, who worked as a mortgage underwriter prior to the shooting, isn't independently wealthy.

At one point following the shooting, Zimmerman had his own website and raised \$200,000 for his legal defense. His family and attorneys also have set up separate fundraising websites, but it's unclear how much they have raised.

Justice Dept.: Zimmerman case under review

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department said Sunday it is looking into the shooting death of Trayvon Martin to determine whether federal prosecutors will file criminal civil rights charges now that George Zimmerman has been acquitted in the state case.

The department opened an investigation into Martin's death last year but stepped aside to allow the state prosecution to proceed.

In a statement, the Justice Department said the criminal section of its civil rights division, the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office for the Middle District of Florida are continuing to evaluate the evidence generated during the federal probe, in addition to the evidence and testimony from the state trial.

"Experienced federal pros-

ecutors will determine whether the evidence reveals a prosecutable violation of any of the limited federal criminal civil rights statutes within our jurisdiction," the statement said. Justice added that it will determine "whether federal prosecution is appropriate in accordance with the department's policy governing successive federal prosecution following a state trial."

From the Rodney King case in Los Angeles to the Algiers Motel incident in Detroit more than four decades ago, the Justice Department has a long history of using federal civil rights law in an effort to convict defendants who have previously been acquitted in related state cases.

On Sunday, NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous

started a petition calling for the Justice Department to open a civil rights case against Zimmerman for the shooting death of 17-year-old Martin, but experience has shown it's almost never easy getting convictions in such high-profile prosecutions.

"The Justice Department would face significant challenges in bringing a federal civil rights case against Mr. Zimmerman," said Alan Vinegrad, the former U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York. "There are several factual and legal hurdles that federal prosecutors would have to overcome: They'd have to show not only that the attack was unjustified, but that Mr. Zimmerman attacked Mr. Martin because of his race and because he was using a public facility, the street."

Fla. motorcycle racer dies after hitting 285 mph

LIMESTONE, Maine (AP)—A motorcycle racer trying to top 300 mph died Sunday after losing control and zooming off a runway at a former air base in northern Maine.

Bill Warner, 44, of Wimauma, Fla., was clocked at 285 mph before he lost control but it was unclear how fast the motorcycle was traveling when it veered off the paved runway and crashed, said Tim Kelly, race director the Loring Timing Association, which hosted "The Maine Event" at Loring Air Force Base.

Warner was conscious and talking after the crash just before 10 a.m., Kelly said, but he died about an hour and 15 minutes later at a hospital in Caribou.

"No one will touch Bill's achievements or be the type of racer he was. He was a personal friend and the land-racing community is less for his loss," Kelly said.

Riding his modified turbo-charged Suzuki Hayabusa, Warner previously hit 311 mph on the same course in 2011, using 1.5 miles of pavement. That's considered to be the world land



In this 2011 photo provided by the Loring Timing Association the late Bill Warner, 44, of Wimauma, Fla., holds his helmet while sitting on a motorcycle.

speed record for a conventional motorcycle, Kelly said.

This time he was trying to hit 300 mph using just a mile of pavement, and he'd made several passes before the one in which he crashed, Kelly said.

The Maine Event is an annual timed speed event that utilizes the 14,200-foot-long runway at the former Strategic Air Command base that closed in 1994. The Loring Timing Association uses 2.5 miles of the runway for its events,

and there's an additional buffer of 2,000 feet, Kelly said.

On Sunday, about 400 spectators watched as Warner began veering right after passing the 1-mile mark, traveling upright for another 2,000 feet before exiting the runway and crashing, Kelly said.

The remainder of Sunday's event was canceled. The Limestone Police Department and Maine State Police were investigating the crash.

Puffins flock home to Maine islands

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—The cute and comical seabirds called puffins have returned to several Maine islands and are finding plenty of food for their young chicks unlike last summer when many starved.

Young puffins died at an alarming rate last season because of a shortage of herring, leaving adults to try to feed them another type of fish that was too big to swallow. Some chicks died surrounded by piles of uneaten fish.

This summer, the chicks are getting plenty of hake and herring, said Steve Kress, director of the National Audubon Society's seabird restoration program and professor at Cornell University.

But researchers remain concerned.

Occupancy of puffin burrows on Matinicus Rock and at Seal Island, the two largest U.S. puffin colonies, are down by at least a third this season, Kress said. That likely means many birds died over the winter and others were too weak to produce offspring this season, he said.

With colorful beaks, puffins look like a cross between a penguin and a parrot. They spend most of their lives at sea, coming



In this July 1, 2013, photo, a puffin looks around after emerging from its burrow on Eastern Egg Rock off the Maine coast.

ashore only to breed each spring, drawing camera-toting tourists by the boatload before the birds depart late in the summer.

The puffins were nearly wiped out a century ago.

So 40 years ago, Kress and his team of researchers launched a recolonization effort called the Puffin Project by transplanting chicks from Newfoundland to man-made burrows on remote Eastern Egg Rock in Muscongus Bay.

Later, they were transplanted to other Maine islands.

Because puffins are less adaptable than other seabirds,

they're more vulnerable to environmental changes and serve as a good indicator of the health of oceans and the availability of certain types of fish, Kress said.

There's no guarantee that there won't be more die-offs in the Gulf of Maine as there have been elsewhere, including in Norway and Scotland's Shetland Islands.

"It could happen here. We will learn. The puffins will teach us about the oceans and what's happening to them," Kress said.

Here's a gallery of images of puffins from Associated Press photographer Robert F. Bukaty.

Asia

Islamic militants leave Pakistan to fight in Syria

ISLAMABAD(AP)—Suleman spent years targeting minority Shiite Muslims in his home country of Pakistan as a member of one of the country's most feared militant groups. Now he is on his way to a new sectarian battleground, Syria, where he plans to join Sunni rebels battling President Bashar Assad's regime.

It is a fight he believes will boost his reward in heaven.

The short and stocky Pakistani, who identified himself using only his first name for fear of being targeted by authorities, is one of an increasing number of militants who have left Pakistan for Syria in recent months. The fighters have contributed to a growing presence of Islamic extremists and complicated U.S. efforts to help the rebels.

Many fighters like Suleman believe they must help Syria's Sunni majority defeat Assad's Alawite regime—an offshoot of the Shiite sect. Radical Sunnis view Shiites as heretics.

The presence of Islamic extremists in Syria looms large over U.S. efforts to help the rebels, especially when it comes to providing weapons that could end up in the hands of America's enemies. The extremists have also sparked infighting with more secular rebels concerned about the increasing power of the Islamists.

Most of the foreign fighters in Syria are from Arab countries, including al-Qaida militants from Iraq on the rebel side and Hezbollah fighters from Lebanon on the regime's side. The flow of militants from Pakistan

adds a new element to that mix.

Pakistani Interior Ministry spokesman Omar Hamid Khan said provincial authorities throughout Pakistan deny that militants have left the country for Syria.

But three Pakistani intelligence officials based in the tribal region that borders Afghanistan, as well as militants themselves, say the fighters leaving Pakistan for Syria include members of al-Qaida, the Pakistani Taliban and Suleman's group, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi.

The fighters fall mainly into two categories. One includes foreign combatants from places like Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and likely the Middle East who came to Pakistan's tribal region to fight U.S.-led forces in neighboring Afghanistan and are now heading to Syria because they view it as the most pressing battle, said the Pakistani intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

This group includes members of al-Qaida who trained the Pakistani Taliban in areas such as bomb-making and are now moving on to the battlefield in Syria, said Pakistani Taliban fighters, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of being targeted by the government.

Neither the intelligence officials nor the Pakistani militants were able to provide the total number of fighters who have left the country for Syria, or the route they were taking to get to the Middle East.



In this file photo taken on Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012, Pakistani Taliban patrol in their stronghold of Shawal in Pakistani tribal region of South Waziristan.

An activist based in northern Syria, Mohammad Kanaan, said there are Pakistanis fighting in his area but not in large numbers.

"Most of the muhajireen are Arab fighters from Tunisia, Algeria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia," he said Sunday, using the Arab term for foreign fighters. "But we have seen Pakistanis and Afghans recently as well."

The second group leaving Pakistan includes mostly domestic members of the Pakistani Taliban and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi who are heading to Syria because they are being so closely monitored by Pakistani authorities that it makes it difficult for them to carry out operations at home, said a Pakistani Taliban fighter who identified himself only as Hamza for fear of being

targeted by authorities.

These militants are under surveillance because they have been detained previously in connection with attacks, or are on Pakistan's radar because of their importance in their organizations, Hamza said.

The group includes Suleman, who was detained during a 2009 attack on an intelligence building in the eastern city of Lahore that killed at least 35 people. He was eventually released, he told the AP in an interview before leaving for Syria more than a week ago.

"Our aim and purpose is to fight against Shiites and eliminate them," said Suleman, who is in his mid-30s and has a closely trimmed black beard. "It is more rewarding if you first fight against the evil here

and then you travel for this noble purpose too. The more you travel, the higher the reward from God."

Suleman is one of about 70 militants who have been sent to Syria in the last two months by a network jointly run by the Pakistani Taliban and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, Hamza said. The militants came from various parts of Pakistan, including the provinces of Baluchistan, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and the southern city of Karachi, Hamza said.

Another group of 40, including Hamza, is expected to leave in the coming weeks, he said. These militants are not going to fight with Jabhat al-Nusra, or the Nusra Front, the most powerful Islamic militant group in Syria, Hamza said.

But he did not know which group they would join.

The head of the network sending these militants is a former Lashkar-e-Jhangvi leader named Usman Ghani, Hamza said. Another key member is a Pakistani Taliban fighter named Alimullah Umry, who is sending fighters to Ghani from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Hamza said.

The militants are traveling to Syria by various routes, and some are taking their families. The most closely watched are secretly taking speed boats from Baluchistan's coast to the Omani capital of Muscat and then traveling onward to Syria, Hamza said.

Others are flying from Pakistan to various countries, including Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates and Sudan, and then making their way to Syria. The financing is coming from sources in the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, Hamza said.

Suleman flew to Sudan with his wife and two children using fake passports, he said. He will leave his family in Sudan and then travel to Syria. There are families of other Pakistanis who have gone to Syria already living in Sudan and being taken care of, Suleman said.

A member of one of Pakistan's biggest Islamic political parties, Jamaat-e-Islami, said a small number of its followers have also gone to fight in Syria, but not through any organized network. He spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of being persecuted by the government.

ASIA BRIEFS

18 killed in stampede at boxing match in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—At least 18 people were killed in a stadium stampede after spectators rioted to protest a local boxer's loss in a championship match in eastern Indonesia, police said Monday. The victims, mostly women, were trampled to death as about 1,500 spectators scrambled out the stadium to escape the riot that broke out just before midnight Sunday, said Lt. Col. Gede Sumerta Jaya, police spokesman in Papua province. Kota Lama Sport Stadium in the town of Nabire had only two working exits. Points awarded by a panel of judges decided the championship match for the Bupati Cup, or Regent Cup. The losing boxer's supporters threw chairs at the judges and the winner's supporters responded by throwing bottles and broken chairs, panicking people in the stadium, Jaya said. He said 12 of the dead were women, and more than 40 other spectators were injured and hospitalized. Police and soldiers were deployed to stop the fighting.

Koreas meet again for talk on restarting factories

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Officials from North and South Korea are meeting for the third time this month to discuss how to restart a stalled inter-Korean factory park which was a key symbol of cooperation between the countries. Seoul's Unification Ministry says Monday's talks are taking place at the North Korean border town of Kaesong where the factory complex is located. In their previous talks, the countries agreed on a desire to revive the complex but couldn't agree on how to do so. Operations at the Kaesong complex were suspended in April when tension ran high in the wake of North Korea's February nuclear test. The park opened in 2004 during a period of rapprochement between the Koreas. It blends South Korean capital and management skills with cheap North Korean labor.

Asiana to sue San Francisco TV station over names

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Asiana said Monday that it will sue a San Francisco TV station that damaged the airline's reputation by using bogus and racially offensive names for four pilots on a plane that crashed earlier this month in San Francisco.

An anchor for KTVU-TV read the names on the air Friday and then apologized after a break. The report was accompa-

nied by a graphic with the phony names listed alongside a photo of the burned-out plane that had crashed at San Francisco International Airport on July 6, killing three and injuring dozens.

Video of the report has spread widely across the Internet since it was broadcast.

The National Transportation Safety Board has also apologized, saying a summer intern erroneously confirmed the

names of the flight crew.

Asiana has decided to sue KTVU-TV to "strongly respond to its racially discriminatory report" that disparaged Asians, Asiana spokeswoman Lee Hyomin said. She said the airline will likely file suit in U.S. courts.

She said the report seriously damaged Asiana's reputation. Asiana hasn't determined whether to launch a similar suit against the NTSB, Lee said.

Neither the station nor the NTSB commented on where the names originated.

The four pilots, who underwent questioning by a U.S. and South Korean joint investigation team while in the U.S., returned to South Korea on Saturday. South Korean officials plan to conduct separate interviews with them, South Korea's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport said Sunday.

Bangladesh shut down awaiting war crimes verdict

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Security officers patrolled in Bangladesh's capital before a war crimes tribunal delivers its verdict Monday against a former Islamic party leader expected to get the death penalty for atrocities during Bangladesh's war for independence.

Ghulam Azam led Jamaat-e-Islami in then-east Pakistan in 1971 when Bangladesh became independent through a bloody war. Azam and his party are accused of forming a citizens' brigade to commit genocide and other serious crimes against the

pro-independence fighters during the war. The prosecution in the trial said Azam must take "command responsibility" for months of atrocities perpetrated by his supporters.

On Monday morning, the 91-year-old Azam was taken to the tribunal from a prison cell in a government hospital, where he was being treated for various complications.

Jamaat-e-Islami claims the trial is politically-motivated, which authorities deny. The party called for a shutdown after the tribunal announced Sunday

it would have the verdict Monday. Azam led the party until 2000 and is still thought to be its political guru.

Police clashed with party supporters in parts of Dhaka while party activists set fire to a few vehicles that tried to defy the strike call, Bengali-language Prothom Alo newspaper reported.

Police fired rubber bullets to disperse an opposition procession in Dhaka's Jatrabari area, the newspaper said, adding that some photographers and cameramen were injured in the chaos.

Similar violence was also re-

ported in some other parts of the country, several TV stations said.

Previous verdicts against Jamaat-e-Islami leaders also sparked violence.

Azam had openly campaigned against the creation of Bangladesh and toured the Middle East to get support in favor of Pakistan. He routinely met with Pakistan authorities during the war. A mouthpiece of the party routinely published statements by Azam and his associates calling for crushing the fighters who fought against the Pakistani military in 1971.

World

Egypt's army chief defends ousting president

CAIRO (AP)—Facing unrelenting pressure from Muslim Brotherhood protesters, Egypt's military chief sought to justify his decision to remove Mohammed Morsi from office, saying Sunday in a televised speech that the Islamist leader had violated his popular mandate and antagonized state institutions.

The comments by Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi—his first since the president's ouster nearly two weeks ago—came as the designated interim prime minister pushed ahead with talks to form a new Cabinet this week.

Reform advocate Mohamed ElBaradei was sworn in as Egypt's interim vice president for international relations on Sunday. The move reinforces the role of liberals in the new leadership who are strongly opposed to the Brotherhood.

Several secular-minded candidates also have been approached to lead the foreign, finance, culture, information and other key ministries. Nabil Fahmy, who served as Egypt's former ambassador to the United States for over a decade un-

der Hosni Mubarak, was tapped to be foreign minister, according to state media.

The United States sent its No. 2 diplomat in the State Department, William Burns, to Cairo to meet with interim government officials as well as civil society and business leaders during his two-day visit. Burns is the first high-level American official to visit since Morsi's ouster.

Many in the international community fear the ouster of Morsi, Egypt's first democratically elected president, would undermine Egypt's transition to democracy.

The State Department said Burns would underscore U.S. support for the Egyptian people and a transition leading to an inclusive, democratically elected civilian government. The United States has called for Morsi's release. Since his ouster, Morsi has been held incommunicado at an undisclosed location.

El-Sissi said the armed forces acted to remove Morsi on July 3 according to the will of the people as the country was sliding toward deeper polarization



This Saturday, July 6, 2013 file photo released by the office of the Egyptian Presidency on Saturday, July 6, 2013 shows Mohamed ElBaradei, left, meeting with interim president Adly Mansour, right, at the presidential palace.

and more violence. The Islamist leader was the first democratically chosen leader after a narrow victory in elections last year.

"The armed forces sincerely accepted the choice of the peo-

ple, but then political decision-making began stumbling," el-Sissi said. "The armed forces remained committed to what it considered the legitimacy of the ballot box, even though that

very legitimacy began to do as it pleased and in a way that contradicted the basis and the origin of this legitimacy."

Morsi's election came after months of turmoil following

the 2011 revolution that removed autocratic leader Hosni Mubarak from office, in a rocky transition that was marred by persistent protests, political disagreements and an economy teetering on bankruptcy.

His supporters say the military staged a coup in a bid to undermine the rising influence of Islamists, and thousands have camped out for days near a mosque in eastern Cairo to demand he be reinstated. The Muslim Brotherhood, which propelled Morsi to power, has called for massive protests Monday to escalate pressure on the military. Some Muslim Brotherhood leaders have called for el-Sissi to be removed, and put on trial accusing him of treason.

Brotherhood spokesman Gehad el-Haddad responded to el-Sissi's remarks, saying that the military had no right to act on behalf of the people of Egypt except through "orders of their elected commander in chief," meaning Morsi. In comments posted on Twitter, he said the military also has no right to decide which protest is worthy enough to represent the people.

Syrian troops advance against rebels in Damascus

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Government troops fired tank shells and artillery in heavy clashes between Syrian forces and rebels Sunday on the edge of Damascus, where the military has been pushing its offensive to retake key districts that have been in opposition hands for months.

The Syrian army has seized the momentum in the civil war over the past three months, wresting back territory lost to rebel forces and solidifying its hold over contested areas, particularly on the fringes of Damascus. Two of the embattled districts are Jobar and Qaboun, from which rebels frequently launch mortar rounds on the heart of the capital.

A Syrian military commander said forces loyal to President Bashar Assad have recaptured 60 percent of Jobar, south of Qaboun, and were trying to retake the rest. The commander talked to reporters Sunday during a military escorted tour of Jobar organized by the Information Ministry. His claim could not be independently verified.

An Associated Press reporter on the tour saw widespread destruction that pointed to heavy



Syrian soldiers cheer after battling with rebels during a tour for journalists organized by the Syrian Information Ministry in the Damascus suburb of Jobar, Syria, Sunday, July 14, 2013.

fighting in the neighborhood. Marble tile factories were destroyed. Reporters made their way in the devastated area by climbing through holes knocked in walls because of warnings of rebel snipers in the area.

At least two bodies, apparently those of rebel gunmen, lay on the floor of a bunker described by the official as a "terrorist" hideout.

"The army is advancing rapidly in Jobar ... the area will be

secured in the next few days according to a well-studied plan," the commander said. He declined to be named in line with regulations.

Jobar is near the road linking Damascus with its eastern suburbs known as Eastern Ghouta. Rebels have been using the road to transport weapons and other supplies to the capital, the seat of Assad's power.

The commander said the Jobar-Qaboun axis was impor-

tant to "cleanse Ghouta from terrorist groups."

Assad's government routinely describes the rebels fighting to overthrow him as terrorists playing out a foreign conspiracy hatched by Israel, the United States and some of its Arab allies in the region, like Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

During the tour of Jobar, reporters were taken to a hideout the army said it seized a day earlier after killing 30 rebels and their leader there. Reporters were shown RPG mortar rounds and explosive devices, as well as an alleged chemical material with a strong odor.

Arabic graffiti on the walls read: "The al-Tawhid Brigade," and "the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant"—names of militant groups fighting to topple Assad.

Sunday's tour came as Syria's main Western-backed opposition group claimed that 200 civilians were trapped in a mosque in Qaboun as fighting raged outside between rebels and Assad's army. It warned that thousands of civilians in Qaboun could be "massacred" by Assad's army as armored vehicles and elite forces move in.

Journalist: Edward Snowden has 'blueprints' to NSA

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Edward Snowden has highly sensitive documents on how the National Security Agency is structured and operates that could harm the U.S. government, but has insisted that they not be made public, a journalist said.

Glenn Greenwald, a columnist with The Guardian newspaper who first reported on the intelligence leaks, told The Associated Press that disclosure of the information in the documents "would allow somebody who read them to know exactly how the NSA does what it does, which would in turn allow them to evade that surveillance or replicate it."

He said the "literally thousands of documents" taken by Snowden constitute "basically the instruction manual for how the NSA is built."

"In order to take documents

with him that proved that what he was saying was true he had to take ones that included very sensitive, detailed blueprints of how the NSA does what they do," the journalist said Sunday in a Rio de Janeiro hotel room. He said the interview was taking place about four hours after his last interaction with Snowden.

Greenwald said he believes the disclosure of the information in the documents would not prove harmful to Americans or their national security, but that Snowden has insisted they not be made public.

"I think it would be harmful to the U.S. government, as they perceive their own interests, if the details of those programs were revealed," he said.

He has previously said the documents have been encrypted to help ensure their safekeeping.



Journalist Glenn Greenwald speaks during an interview with the Associated Press in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, July 14, 2013.

Mandela could soon be discharged, Mbeki says

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Nelson Mandela may be discharged from hospital soon to recuperate at home, said a former president of South Africa.

The prediction about Mandela leaving the hospital was made by Thabo Mbeki as he gave a memorial lecture for the African

National Congress Saturday, reported the South African radio news service Eyewitness News.

Mandela has been hospitalized for more than five weeks for a recurring lung infection, sparking an outpouring of support in South Africa and internationally. Friends who have visited him

say he is on life support in the form of mechanical ventilation.

The most recent official update on his health said Mandela was in critical but stable condition. But both Mandela's wife, Graca Machel, and President Jacob Zuma have said recently that Mandela is responding to treatment.

The anti-apartheid hero spent 27 years in prison before becoming South Africa's first black president in 1994. He turns 95 on Thursday.

Mbeki was Mandela's key deputy and succeeded him as South Africa's president in 1999.

Focus

Jury instructions at center of Zimmerman verdict

SANFORD, Fla. (AP)—Jurors who acquitted George Zimmerman of all charges were guided in their deliberations by 27 pages of jury instructions that included two sections giving them an option to find him not guilty: justifiable use of deadly force and reasonable doubt.

The acquittal of the former neighborhood watch leader left

many Americans wondering Sunday how the justice system could allow him to walk away from the fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin, the unarmed black teenager whose death provoked a long national debate over racial profiling and self-defense.

But the essential criteria for deciding the case came from the court itself, which told jurors

A glance at Zimmerman trial, verdict, what's next

SANFORD, Fla. (AP)—George Zimmerman's trial in the shooting death of teen Trayvon Martin lasted nearly three weeks and concluded Saturday night with an acquittal. The case prompted debate nationwide over racial profiling, self-defense and equal justice.

THE VERDICT

Zimmerman, who identifies himself as Hispanic, was found not guilty of second-degree murder in last year's death of Martin, who was black. The jury had the option to consider manslaughter but declined to convict him of the lesser charge. The six jurors considered nearly three weeks of testimony and delivered the verdict late Saturday night after two days and a total of 15 hours of deliberations.

RALLIES

Around the country, rallies and protests were held Saturday night and Sunday. They ranged in size from a few dozen to several hundred protesters and were largely peaceful, with few arrests. Vandalism of a police squad car was reported at an Oakland, Calif., demonstration. Many supporters of the Martin family wore hoodies, as the teen did when he died.

PRESIDENT OBAMA

The White House doesn't usually respond formally to trials unless they involve the president or federal government, but it issued a rare statement Sunday. President Barack Obama called Martin's death a tragedy: "Not just for his family, or for any one community, but for America." He asked that people respect the call for calm reflection. He called the U.S. "a nation of laws" and said "a jury has spoken."

OTHER REACTIONS

The families of Zimmerman and Martin posted reactions on Twitter on Saturday. Zimmerman's brother, Robert Zimmerman Jr., tweeted that he was "proud to be an

American." He told CNN that though his brother is free, he'll forever be looking over his shoulder. Martin's parents expressed disappointment. Mother Sybrina Fulton tweeted, "Lord during my darkest hour I lean on you."

The case was covered on several Sunday morning TV talk shows, and celebrities also reacted. Beyonce took a moment of silence at a concert in Nashville. And the case was a topic at churches around the country, with many leaders urging peace in the wake of the verdict.

THE JURORS

The judge issued an anonymity order for the six jurors during the trial. That order remains in effect, so their names have not yet been made public. Judge Debra Nelson had said she would rule on when to release the names upon the trial's conclusion. The order does not prevent jurors from choosing to speak to reporters now that the trial is over.

WHAT'S NEXT

Zimmerman left the courthouse as a free man. The NAACP has called for the Justice Department to open a civil rights case against Zimmerman. Though the department has a history of using federal civil rights law in an effort to convict defendants who've previously been acquitted in state cases, it's not always easy. The department said in a statement Sunday afternoon that it's looking into the case to determine whether federal civil rights charges should be filed.

Supporters have suggested that Martin's parents file a wrongful-death civil lawsuit against Zimmerman. Zimmerman's lawyers have said he'll seek immunity. Florida's stand your ground law, which gives people wide latitude to use deadly force rather than retreat during a fight, may offer him that immunity if a judge concludes he acted in self-defense, said David Weinstein, a former federal prosecutor in Miami.



A demonstrator wears a hoodie during a protest the day after George Zimmerman was found not guilty in the 2012 shooting death of teenager Trayvon Martin, Sunday, July 14, 2013, in Atlanta. AP

that Zimmerman was allowed to use deadly force when he shot the teen not only if he actually faced death or bodily harm, but also if he merely thought he did.

And jurors heard plenty of conflicting evidence and testimony that could have created reasonable doubt.

Some Martin family supporters may never understand the gap between the legal basis for the acquittal and what they perceived as the proper outcome: Zimmerman's conviction for either second-degree murder or manslaughter.

"There is a difference between the law and what people think is fundamentally justice," said Barbara Arnwine, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a Washington-based civil rights group.

One of those Martin supporters who had a hard time accepting the decision was Tara Banks, a 46-year-old black woman from Gainesville, Fla., who said the verdict was causing her to lose faith in the courts.

"He killed a human being and he walked away from that courthouse scot free. It's just terrible," Banks said at a small rally near the courthouse where Zimmerman was tried.

Under Florida law, jurors were told to decide whether Zimmerman was justified in using deadly force by the circumstances he was under when he fired his gun. The instructions

they were given said they should take into account the physical capabilities of both Zimmerman, 29, and Martin, 17. And if they had any reasonable doubt on whether Zimmerman was justified in using deadly force, they should find him not guilty.

"Beyond a reasonable doubt" is the highest standard of proof prosecutors face in American criminal courts. It means the jurors believe there is no other logical explanation for what happened than the defendant is guilty. If faced with two plausible explanations for what happened, jurors are supposed to acquit.

"The danger facing George Zimmerman need not have been actual; however, to justify the use of deadly force, the appearance must have been so real that a reasonably cautious and prudent person ... would have believed the danger could be avoided only through the use of that force," the instruction read.

Jurors refused to talk to reporters after the verdict about how they reached their decision Saturday night. Their names are being kept secret until Judge Debra Nelson lifts an order protecting their identities.

After the verdict, Jacksonville State Attorney Angela Corey said the use of deadly force is often one of the toughest areas of the law for prosecutors. Gov. Rick Scott appointed her office to the case a few weeks after the shooting when local prosecutors didn't press charges.

She said that when a victim shoots a robber or rapist, the use of deadly force is clearly justifiable. In cases such as Zimmerman's, the lines get blurry.

"That's why this case was unique, in a sense, and that's why this case was difficult," she said.

Even defense attorneys, who use the law to their advantage, say the instruction for the justifiable use of deadly force can be confusing to jurors since there are so many elements to it. It's one of the longest instructions given jurors.

"The more complex the instruction, the more it benefits the defense," said Blaine McChesney, an Orlando defense attorney and former prosecutor with no connection to the Zimmerman case. "It's a very convoluted instruction, but it's the best they have."

Jurors were also told that reasonable doubt about Zimmerman's guilt could come from conflicting evidence or the lack of evidence.

Over three weeks of testimony, they received mounds of conflicting evidence and testimony of what happened on that rainy February 2012 night after Zimmerman spotted Martin walking in his townhouse complex after the teen bought Skittles candy and iced tea from a nearby 7-Eleven. He didn't recognize Martin, who lived in the Miami area and was visiting the home of his father's fiancée. The neighborhood had expe-

rienced burglaries and some people had reported the suspects seen fleeing were young black males, like Martin.

After calling police dispatchers, Zimmerman got out of his vehicle and followed Martin. He says Martin attacked him. Prosecutors disputed that. The evidence was unclear.

None of Zimmerman's neighbors saw or heard the entire fight, and eyewitnesses gave differing accounts of whether Zimmerman or Martin was on top. Martin's parents testified it was their son screaming for help on 911 calls made by Zimmerman's neighbors. Zimmerman's parents testified that no, it was their son. The fight ended seconds after the screams when Zimmerman fired one shot from his handgun into Martin's heart.

Zimmerman identifies himself as Hispanic. His mother was born in Peru and is a naturalized U.S. citizen. His father is a white American.

After the verdict, civil rights leader Al Sharpton asked the U.S. Justice Department to bring charges against Zimmerman for civil rights violations as it did against the Los Angeles police officers in the Rodney King police beating case two decades ago.

NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous concurred and started a petition calling for federal charges.

"The most fundamental of civil rights—the right to life—was violated the night George Zimmerman stalked and then took the life of Trayvon Martin," Jealous wrote in the petition, posted on the website MoveOn.org and addressed to Attorney General Eric Holder.

Holder may address the matter when he talks to NAACP members Tuesday at their national convention in Orlando.

But federal law probably doesn't apply, said David Weinstein, a former federal prosecutor in Miami. Unlike the police officers in the King case, Zimmerman wasn't acting "under color of law."

There also is little basis to charge Zimmerman with a federal hate crime, Weinstein said, since prosecutors would have to show that he shot and killed Martin primarily because of the teen's race. Nothing in the state trial suggested it was a racially motivated crime, he said.

Obama: Trayvon Martin death a tragedy for America

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama says the death of Trayvon Martin was a tragedy for America.

Obama says he knows the not-guilty verdict reached late Saturday has elicited strong passions around the country. In a statement released Sunday, Obama is asking that all

Americans respect the call for calm reflection. There have been a number of rallies and protests, most of which have been peaceful.

Obama says Americans should ask themselves if they're doing all they can to stem gun violence, and what can be done to prevent future tragedies like the

Florida shooting.

George Zimmerman was found not guilty of second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of Martin, an unarmed teen. Martin's killing in February 2012 unleashed debate across the U.S. over racial profiling, self-defense and equal justice.

Overdrive

Infiniti FX adds fun to practicality

By G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
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The Infiniti FX is a rare bird in the premium crossover segment: It's just as much fun to drive as it is practical for everyday family duties.

One of the hallmarks of Infiniti from the start has been the brand's BMW-like focus on the driving experience, and the five-passenger FX is a prime example.

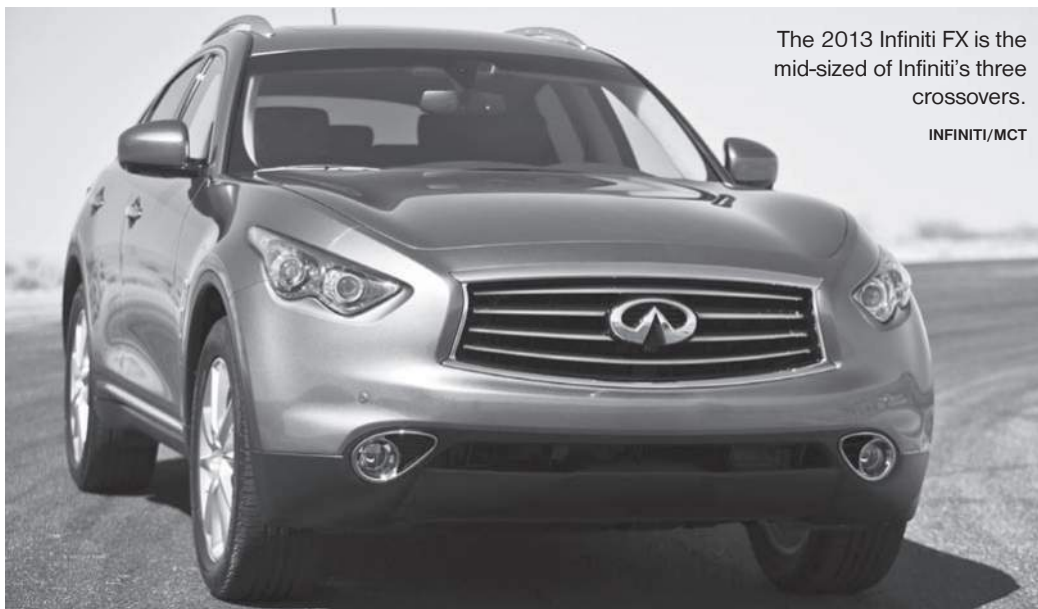
While crossovers generally are meant to be more carlike than the traditional truck-style SUVs they've mostly replaced, with the FX, Infiniti created a combination of SUV and sports

car that offers a behind-the-wheel experience that's completely unexpected in this class.

Now in its second generation, the FX is offered in two versions: a V-6 and a V-8, each with the choice of rear- or all-wheel drive.

For 2013, the V-6 model got a new engine and a slight name change: It's now the FX37; before, it was the FX35. The name reflects the switch this year to a 325-horsepower 3.7-liter V-6 engine, replacing the 303-horsepower, 3.5-liter that was used in the previous model.

The new engine has the same basic design as 3.5-liter; it's just bored out to make it bigger and



The 2013 Infiniti FX is the mid-sized of Infiniti's three crossovers.

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2013 Infiniti FX37

- **The package:** Midsize, four-door, five-passenger, V-6 or V-8 powered, rear- or all-wheel-drive premium crossover utility vehicle.
- **Highlights:** Now in its second generation, this is Infiniti's top-end crossover offering, with lots of power, luxury, safety and (mostly optional) high-tech gadgetry. A new, more-powerful 3.7-liter V-6 engine has been added for 2013, changing the name of the base model to FX37.
- **Negatives:** Somewhat harsh ride; requires premium fuel, even for the V-6.
- **Engines:** 3.7-liter V-6; 5.0-liter V-8.
- **Transmission:** Seven-speed automatic.
- **Power/torque:** 325 horsepower/267 pound-feet (V-6); 390 hp/369 pound-feet (V-8).
- **Length:** 191.3 inches.
- **Curb weight:** 4,209-4,562 pounds.
- **Trunk volume:** 24.8-62 cubic feet
- **EPA fuel economy:** 17 city/24 highway (V-6, 2WD); 16/22 (V-6, AWD); 14/20 (V-8).
- **Base price range:** \$44,950-\$61,500
- **Price as tested, including destination charge:** \$56,495
- **Rating:** 9.1 (of a possible 10).

Death & Funeral Announcement

Francisco Masga Dela Cruz

Lovingly known as "Sato"

Born to Life: March 28, 1933

Date joined our Savior: July 9, 2013

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

- Parents:** †Jose San Pedro Dela Cruz & †Josefina Masga Dela Cruz
- Reared Parents:** †Jose & †Maria Sato
- Siblings & In-Laws:** †Ana D. & †Bernadino Duenas
†Jose & †Catalina Dela Cruz
†Adela D. Babauta
†Rosa D. & †Juan Camacho
†Maria M. Dela Cruz
†Agapita M. Dela Cruz

His Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts Of His:

- Wife:** Marita Romero Dela Cruz
- Children:** Josephine C. Dela Cruz & Children
Cynthia D. and Elvis Pushparaj & Children
Lourdes C. and Robert Lloyd & Son
Bernadita D. and Jim Clevenger & Children
Francisco C. Dela Cruz
Lucia D. and Vicente Torres & Children
Joseph C. and Virginia A. Dela Cruz & Children
Erokolano C. and Maryann T. Dela Cruz
Rudy C. and Rheeta Dela Cruz & Son
Ian Dela Cruz & Children
Isabel T. and Fidel Atalig & Children
Joseph and Kuleta Taitano

Brother: Jesus and Ramona B. Dela Cruz

He is additionally survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Daily mass is being offered at San Vicente Church at 6:00 pm. On Wednesday, July 17, 2013, his remains will be escorted from CHC Chapel to Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:30 am for responso, Holy Rosary, and viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 am followed by interment at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

We extend our sincerest humble gratitude for all your prayers and love.

Marita Romero Dela Cruz, Children and Family

give it more horsepower. Torque is now 267 foot-pounds, up just slightly from last year's 262.

The V-8 version is the FX50, which packs a 390-horsepower, 5.0-liter V-8 under its stylish hood. It has 369 foot-pounds of torque.

This is the crossover for those who enjoy performance as much as luxury, a quality that European automakers such as BMW and Jaguar have long been known for, but one that has mostly eluded the Japanese premium brands.

Prices for 2013 range from \$44,950 for the entry FX37 RWD (rear-wheel drive) model, to \$61,500 for the FX50, which comes only with all-wheel drive. In between are the FX37 AWD and the FX37 AWD Limited Edition.

Besides the new V-6 engine, the 2013 FX also gets Infiniti's next-generation Around View Monitor system, which now has Moving Objection Detection. It provides additional safety by giving the driver visual and audible warnings of moving objects around the

vehicle as the FX begins moving. It's standard on the FX50, and optional on FX37 as part of the Premium Package, which was included on our tester.

Inside, the FX is luxurious without being ostentatious. Leather seats are standard on all models, with buckets up front and a three-person bench in the rear with a pull-down center divider/armrest that turns it into a comfy two-passenger seat with plenty of legroom.

The intelligent all-wheel-drive system is designed for all-weather driving and all road surfaces, wet or dry, but is not intended for serious off-road use.

Optional high-tech safety features include intelligent brake assist, which provides forward collision warning and automatic emergency braking. It's part of the Technology Package for the FX37, which also was added to our test vehicle.

Also in the Technology Package are adaptive headlights, radar cruise control and a lane-departure warning and prevention system, designed to help keep the vehicle

from drifting into adjacent lanes. When the system's sensors detect the vehicle drifting out of its lane—by reading the lane markings on the road—it gives audible beeps, then gently begins to move the vehicle back in line.

The Limited Edition's price includes the items in the FX37 Premium Package, which brings the in-dash navigation system with a rear back-up camera, in addition to the Around View Monitor, which shows up on the navigation screen.

UNDER THE HOOD

Pickup truck thinks it's always night

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

QUESTION: The daylight/nighttime sensor system of my 2000 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 is locked on the nighttime setting, which keeps the headlights on during daylight and also keeps instruments and digital clock/radio lights dim. Would this most likely be a defective sensor? Can the sensor be replaced without dismantling the dashboard? I tried cleaning the sensor but that didn't change anything.—Stan Burnett

ANSWER: Stan, it sounds like your Silverado's ambient light sensor has failed or there is a faulty electrical connection between it and the truck's body control module, or BCM. This device,

about the size of a small grape, is located next to the left defroster duct, and changes in electrical resistance with varying light levels. In bright light, resistance is low, and in darkness, resistance goes high. It's a good idea to occasionally clean the sensor's lens, and try not to obscure its exposure to light with a dash pad or errant Kleenex box. A faulty light sensor can also terminate your daytime running lights.

Renewal of the \$16 sensor requires removal of the instrument panel bezel, passenger assist handle, and upper trim pad, which seems like an intimidating chore. It's not really that bad—perhaps a 30- to 45-minute job with good instructions and a few simple tools: [http://www.justanswer.com/chevy/2ae2v-2001-chevy-ambient-my-automatic-](http://www.justanswer.com/chevy/2ae2v-2001-chevy-ambient-my-automatic-headlights-turn-ignition.html)

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Another option is to circumvent the sensor by inserting a 1,000-ohm resistor—this simulates ample light—into the circuit at the two appropriate terminals of the BCM, which is under the instrument panel, and easier to get to. This method is used by police agencies and other folks who don't care for the automatic-only headlight light switch these trucks and some other vehicles were equipped with, because it has manual "on" but no "off." Sorry, I need to stop short of guiding you down this road.

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Life & Style

JK Rowling revealed as writer of crime novel

LONDON (AP)—An ex-military man tries his hand at writing, publishes a debut detective novel, and wins critical acclaim. But here's the twist in the tale: The true identity of the author is none other than "Harry Potter" creator J.K. Rowling.

It's impressive literary wizardry by Rowling, who said she relished the freedom of writing "The Cuckoo's Calling" under her pseudonym, Robert Galbraith.

"I hoped to keep this secret a little longer because being Robert Galbraith has been such a liberating experience," she said in a statement released by her publicist on Sunday. "It has been wonderful to publish without hype or expectation, and pure pleasure to get feedback from publishers and readers under a different name."

"The Cuckoo's Calling," a story about a war veteran turned private investigator who is called in to probe the mysterious death of a model, was published to rave reviews in April by Sphere, part of publisher Little, Brown & Co.

The Sunday Times claimed it was investigating "how a first-time author with a background in the army and the civilian security industry could write such an assured debut novel" when it connected the dots. The paper said clues included the fact that Rowling and Galbraith shared the same agent and editor, and that Little, Brown published Rowling's novel for adults, "The Casual Vacancy."

It also said the book's style and subject matter resembled Rowling's work.

Rowling's publicist confirmed the paper's detective work was correct, and the news helped the novel climb straight to the top of Amazon's best-selling list Sunday.

It's also left Britain's bookstores unprepared.

Jon Howells, a spokesman for Waterstones, one of the country's biggest bookselling chains, said it had only a handful of copies of "The Cuckoo's Calling" scattered around the country—and they probably sold out on Sunday.

He added that Rowling's feat was "the best act of literary deception since Stephen King was outed as Richard Bachman back in the 1980s." King said he wrote disguised as Bachman so that he could publish more books each year.

In her statement, Rowling thanked her editor David Shelley, the publishing staff who worked on the book without knowing her identity, and the reviewers who praised it without knowing about her authorship.

She added that "Galbraith" planned to keep writing the series, and her publisher said that the second book is expected to be published next summer. Now that her identity is revealed, Little, Brown said "The Cuckoo's Calling" will be reprinted with a revised author biography.

On its website, the publisher marketed the book as a classic

crime novel in the tradition of P.D. James and Ruth Rendell. It said the novel, whose central character is named Cormoran Strike, was the first of a series of crime novels to come.

The publisher described Galbraith as an ex-military man, married with two sons, who wrote the novel based on experiences from his military life. Revealingly, it also stated that Galbraith was a pseudonym.

The book received many favorable reviews, including critics who called it "a scintillating debut novel" and who praised Galbraith for his "superb flair as

a mystery writer."

Crime novelist Duane Swierczynski said he admired Rowling for choosing to publish in disguise.

"I read the novel, loved it, and wrote an enthusiastic blurb in early January," he said. "Galbraith sounded like someone I'd love to have a beer with. This is still the case, mind you."

Rowling recently turned to writing for grown-ups after becoming the world's most successful living writer with the "Harry Potter" books, which sold more than 450 million copies worldwide.



In this Sept. 27, 2012 file photo, British author J.K. Rowling poses for photographers during a photo call to unveil her new book, entitled: 'The Casual Vacancy', at the Southbank Centre in London.

Opera star Domingo leaves hospital and is eager to sing

MADRID (AP)—After spending several days in the hospital, opera singer Plácido Domingo said Sunday that an early diagnosis for a blocked blood vessel by a medical team in Madrid saved him from possibly more serious medical complications.

Speaking at Madrid's opera house alongside one of the doctors who treated him, the 72-year-old Domingo said he had felt unwell after a rehearsal and quickly sought medical help. The tenor said Dr. Carlos Gonzalez then detected a case of deep vein thrombosis and applied the appropriate treatment.

"I thought I would return from the check-up straight away back to the rehearsal," Domingo said. "But I was told, 'No, there is something serious here.'"

Gonzalez explained that a blood clot had formed in Domingo's right leg and moved up to his lungs where it then lodged in an artery. He said it

was not an unusual condition, and that it was often linked to spending hours sitting down on long flights.

"It sounds catastrophic, but it didn't turn out like that," Gonzalez said. "We established an early diagnosis, and there should be a good recovery, a complete and full recovery."

Domingo said he had studied Giuseppe Verdi's "Giovanna d'Arco" during the five days he was in the

hospital, and he hopes to be well enough to sing his part in it at the Salzburg Festival in early August.

"I tried to cancel it," the Spaniard said, but he was told by festival organizers that the baritone they had to replace him hadn't fully learned the role, so he decided to continue.

"He also looks forward to keeping his engagements in Verona where he will sing and conduct 'Operalia,'" said Nancy Seltzer, the singer's representative in the U.S.



Domingo

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*Margaret Villagomez
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*Her loving, caring, and peaceful spirit will forever remain in the
hearts of her children and their families*

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Carlos H./Roxanne Salas (Brandi Nohealani, Brentt Makana)
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Joseph S. Hofschneider

Sisters, Brothers & Spouses: Augusta H./Sylvestre Palacios; Bernard V./Guadalupe R. Hofschneider; Magdalena M. Hofschneider; Emerenciana A. Hofschneider

Caregiver: Lolita Alvarico

Masses of Intention are offered daily at 6:00 a.m. and the holy rosary is prayed at 8:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church.

Funeral Services will be on Saturday, July 20, 2013. Nan Meggie's remains will leave CHC's chapel at 7:00 a.m. to Mount Carmel Cathedral for responso service, holy rosary, and public visitation. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., followed immediately with interment services at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are sincerely appreciated.

Jose, Ana, Carlos, Elizabeth, Gloria, Wilhelmina, Eugenia and Families

Injured Mariah Carey performs at MLB-Sandy show

NEW YORK (AP)—Mariah Carey has a new accessory: the stylish sling supporting her injured shoulder.

The pop diva performed in a fashionable sling that matched her shimmering white dress on Central Park's Great Lawn on Saturday night for the 2013

MLB All-Star Charity Concert. It was for the benefit of Superstorm Sandy victims.

She asked the crowd: "We like it?"

The 43-year-old went to the hospital Sunday after dislocating her shoulder while filming a music video. She told the crowd

Saturday she "was in a tiny bit of pain, but I'm OK."

Carey performed four songs—which sounded live—with the New York Philharmonic. Her recent performances at the BET Awards and on "American Idol" have been criticized as Carey appeared to lip sync. She kicked off

the four-song concert with "My All"—full of breathy riffs—and added a white fur to her sling when she sang "Looking In."

"I'm not in the best of health," she said. "I'm filming this for my own self for incredible laughs."

Carey added that she was humbled to perform at a benefit

for Sandy victims. Major League Baseball made a \$1 million donation for Sandy relief efforts.

The singer appeared in a black dress when she returned to perform two songs; she also had a feathery black sling to match her outfit.

Randy Jackson played guitar

when Carey sang "(hash)Beautiful" and a choir joined the singer when she closed her set with "Hero."

The wife and daughter of MLB legend Jackie Robinson, Rachel and Sharon Robinson, were in the crowd Saturday and earned a roaring cheer from the crowd.

Halle Berry ties knot at French chateau

PARIS (AP)—Halle Berry married her fiancé, French actor Olivier Martinez, in a weekend ceremony in a village church where princes are buried in France's Burgundy region.

The owner of the Chateau de Vallery, where the couple stayed with their 60 guests, said on Sunday that the betrothal a day earlier ended with a dinner and an unusual fireworks display—of water, fire and snow—in the chateau gardens. A wedding cake followed.

Patrice Vansteenberghé said the actress—46 and pregnant—and her 47-year-old husband "were very beautiful and very happy."

Berry's publicist, Meredith O'Sullivan Wasson, confirmed the marriage.

Vansteenberghé would not say who attended the gala wedding. But he said the bride was coy about her long, white dress, wanting to keep it from public view.

"All I can say is that it was a dress with a deeply plunging back," Vansteenberghé said. He added that the event was "confidential" because "she wanted to be left alone on the day of her marriage."

Berry, who has a five-year-old daughter, is expecting her first child with Martinez. While there was no sign of a baby bump when The Associated



AP

This Oct. 24, 2012 file photo shows actors Olivier Martinez, left, and Halle Berry at the Los Angeles premiere of Berry's film, "Cloud Atlas," in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

Press interviewed the Oscar-winning star in early April, Vansteenberghé said that "she is very pregnant."

The princes and princesses of the Conde line from the 16th to early 18th century, are buried in the church facing the chateau and its chapel until the late 19th

century, when it was given to the village of Vallery.

The couple apparently spent two days at the Chateau de Vallery—the standard rental period for weddings and other grand events, the owner said.

Vansteenberghé noted that the chateau's pigeon room, an

outbuilding once used to house pigeons, is a preferred room for newly married couples, but he hedged about whether Berry and Martinez stayed there.

The oldest part of the chateau dates to the Middle Ages, but much of it was built during the Renaissance.

Cirque du Soleil to resume Vegas show after death

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Cirque du Soleil will resume performances of its "Ka" show in Las Vegas on Tuesday night, 17 days after an acrobat fell about 90 feet to her death in its closing scene, the company announced Sunday.

But the show at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino will resume without the final aerial battle scene that resulted in the June 29 death of Sarah Guillot-Guyard, spokeswoman Renee-Claude Menard said.

The decision to resume the show was made after consultation with the production's artists and staff, she said, and Tuesday night's show will be dedicated to the late Paris-born performer's memory.

The battle scene act will be

replaced with a "dressing-ritual" scene that maintains both the story line of the production and its 90-minute length.

Coroner's officials have ruled that the 31-year-old Guillot-Guyard's death by blunt force trauma was an accident. She was still in her harness when she fell.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has launched an investigation that could take six months.

Horrified audience members who witnessed the accident say they initially thought the acrobat's fall was part of the show. They say they realized something had gone wrong when they heard cries of performers.

The show momentarily continued, then stopped. Minutes after the accident, a recorded

announcement informed audience members that refunds or vouchers to future shows would be offered, and the crowd was dismissed.

Cirque du Soleil officials say it was the first time a performer has died from an onstage accident in the company's 29-year history.

The mother of two was a French citizen and Las Vegas resident. She had been with the original cast of Ka since 2006, and had been an acrobatic performer for more than 20 years.

Plans call for Ka to resume with a modified schedule with shows starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The regular schedule, also featuring late shows at 9:30 p.m., will resume July 23.

Prince William plays polo as baby watch heats up

LONDON (AP)—His wife may be due to have her baby soon, but Prince William isn't one to sit tight and wait for the news—instead, he's off playing polo.

Many in the British press have predicted that the first child of the prince and the Duchess of Cambridge, formerly known as Kate Middleton, is expected to arrive on Sunday. Dozens of bleary-eyed photographers and cameramen have been standing guard around the clock on royal baby watch outside St. Mary's Hospital in London.

But the prince was enjoying a game of polo with his brother Prince Harry at a charity match at Cirencester Park Polo Club, almost 100 miles (161 kilometers) west of the capital, on Sunday.

William appeared relaxed and was seen greeting locals who went up to meet him in footage broadcast on Sky News.

According to bookmaker William Hill, most people are betting money on a royal birth Sunday, Monday or Tuesday.

Officials have said that the baby is due around mid-July, but have not released a due date. The birth, when it does come, will be announced by a bulletin posted on a wooden easel placed outside Buckingham Palace.

It's a time-honored royal tradition—the birth of William's father, Prince Charles, was announced the same way in 1948. This time, however, officials have adapted to modern times by adding a simultaneous announcement on Twitter, so that millions around the world can get the news within seconds.

Rupert Adams, spokesman for William Hill, said that the most fervent betting has been on the name of the baby. Alexandra, Charlotte, Elizabeth and George are among the top contenders so far, he said.



AP

In this May 6, 2013, file photo President Barack Obama plays golf at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Obama's gift to ESPN's Kornheiser is game of golf

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama's birthday gift to ESPN commentator Tony Kornheiser is a game of golf. With the president.

The White House said Obama teed off Saturday with Kornheiser and Michael Wilbon, co-hosts of the sports network's "Pardon the Interruption" talk show. Saturday was Kornheiser's 65th birthday.

Obama spent more than four

hours at the golf course at the Army's Fort Belvoir in Virginia, south of Washington. The president is an avid sports fan and viewer of ESPN programming.

The White House did not identify the fourth member of the presidential golf party.

In the evening, Obama and first lady Michelle Obama attended daughter Sasha's singing performance at a friend's house in Gaithersburg, Md.

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Beyonce holds moment of silence for Trayvon Martin

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Beyonce called in a concert for a moment of silence for Trayvon Martin, rapper Young Jeezy released a song in Martin's memory and Russell Simmons called for peace after George Zimmerman was acquitted by a Florida jury in the death of the teenager.

There was a wide range of reactions by celebrities after jurors cleared Zimmerman late Saturday of all charges in the 2012 shooting death of the unarmed 17-year-old Martin.

Beyonce took a moment to honor Martin during her Mrs. Carter Show World Tour concert at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville,

Tenn. Her concert started about 30 minutes after the Zimmerman verdict began to circulate.

"I'd like to have a moment of silence for Trayvon," the pop star said as the stage grew dark with just a few key lights shining.

Beyonce then sang the chorus of "I Will Always Love You," a song, fittingly given the location, written by country music star Dolly Parton and brought to a global audience by the late Whitney Houston, before transitioning into her hit "Halo."

It was just one of several reactions from celebrities and artists following Zimmerman's acquittal by a six-woman jury. Much of it

focused on the perceived outrage of the situation. But others had more poignant responses.

Young Jeezy posted a new song, "It's a Cold World (A Tribute to Trayvon Martin)," to his Facebook page with a comment: "I am in no way shape, form, or fashion ... trying to capitalize off of the latest series of events. These are my true feelings and my form of expression about it."

Simmons, a producer and entrepreneur, posted a blog entry that said he'd be supporting the Trayvon Martin Foundation in helping to repeal laws like Florida's Stand Your Ground law. He signed off, "God bless you little

brother. Rest in peace."

He also called for those upset with the verdict to channel their energy away from violence on Twitter, telling followers "we must remain peaceful. No matter what, remain peaceful."

For the most part, it appeared protesters did with few reports of damage late Saturday and early Sunday in Tallahassee, Fla., Atlanta and California.

"If u have any anger this evening," Simmons wrote on Twitter, "put that energy into challenging these horrible laws that allow overly-anxious neighborhood watchmen to carry guns and shoot innocent people."

Ex-NY Gov. Spitzer offers life advice in new book

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Gov. Eliot Spitzer is offering life advice in a new book released as he campaigns for city comptroller, writing that "self-importance" can lead to a "dangerous arrogance" that often ends badly.

The e-book, "Protecting Capitalism Case by Case," was published this week and is selling online for \$9.99. A 198-page paperback version is also available.

Spitzer, who resigned as governor in 2008 amid a prostitution scandal, surprised many by entering the race for New York City comptroller on July 7. His new book focuses on how he went after law-breaking Wall Street titans as a state attorney general dubbed the "Sheriff of Wall Street."

"I'm beginning to think my political career has had an unusual arch to it, but every day has been fascinating," Spitzer told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Saturday.

One chapter in the book offers his 10 "Rules of Life," starting with No. 1: "Loyalty and fiduciary duty matter."

But it doesn't delve into the scandal that drove him from office and turned him into a late-night punch line.

"The only question now is moving forward," Spitzer said.

This week, he's been appearing on various national television shows as a serious candidate—

including a morning talk-show interview during which he broke down when asked whether the excruciating spotlight on his private life had changed him.

He had just days to collect more than 3,700 signatures to be on the Democratic primary ballot with his main opponent, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, but Spitzer delivered 27,000 signatures late Thursday before the midnight deadline.

His wife, Silda, helped collect the signatures. But when asked Saturday whether she would appear with him as he campaigns, the candidate hesitated, saying,



Spitzer

Box office: 'Despicable Me 2' holds top spot



Minions, personajes de la película "Despicable Me 2", en una fotografía de archivo proporcionada por Universal Pictures. AP

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Universal's minions ran away with the box office for the second week in a row.

With \$44.8 million in domestic ticket sales Friday through Sunday, the animated sequel "Despicable Me 2" outdid the debuts of the Adam Sandler comedy "Grown Ups 2" and director Guillermo del Toro's monsters-versus-robots action flick "Pacific Rim."

The weekend's No. 1 movie featuring Steve Carell as ex-supervillain Gru made another \$55.5 million overseas. That brought its global two-week total to \$472.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"This has become the July film to beat right now," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of the box office tracking division of Hollywood.com. "There's something about the

minions that audiences just love."

Sony was pleased with Sandler's second-best movie opening of his career with \$42.5 million in sales in the U.S. and Canada (His best domestic opening was "The Longest Yard" from 2005 with \$58.6 million over four days). Overseas, the comedy brought in \$1.7 million.

The movie brings together former NBA star Shaquille O'Neal as a bumbling police officer with

a host of comedy All-Stars including Chris Rock and David Spade playing awkward parents.

The third-place finish of "Pacific Rim," with \$38.3 million in receipts, represented a disappointing start domestically for Warner Bros. and partner Legendary Entertainment. Figures released by the studio showed it doing better overseas.

The movie took in \$53 million

from 38 markets outside the U.S. and Canada, representing about half its overseas footprint. It has yet to open in China or Japan, the home of the movie's co-star, Rinko Kikuchi.

Warner Bros. said the debut of "Pacific Rim" in several countries such as Russia and South Korea was better than that other films that have gone on to gross more than \$300 million internationally, like "Transformers 2" and "Prometheus."

The movie had an estimated production budget of \$185 million, not including the millions spent on marketing, so there is still the opportunity for it to make its money back.

Fizziology, a company that tracks buzz on social networks like Twitter and Facebook, said that 82 percent of posts on "Pacific Rim" were positive ahead of the opening, with only 6 percent negative as some people drew negative comparisons to the "Power Rangers" or "Godzilla." The film draws heavily on Japan's "Kaiju" movie monster tradition.

Fizziology President Ben Carlson said the appeal of "Pacific Rim" to 3-D moviegoers and the fact it is one of the most-hyped films of the summer could help it with Asian audiences, he said.

"This movie's really pre-wired to do well in those territories," he said.

Disney's "The Lone Ranger," starring Johnny Depp as Tonto, took in \$11.1 million domestically in its second week, falling into fifth place behind "The Heat" starring Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy, which brought in another \$14 million in its third week.

Former cutter is hesitant to expose scars to clients

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



DEAR ABBY: I was recently hired for a job I have wanted for years. I am a counselor for troubled teens. I love it, and I empathize with those I work with. (Ten years ago, I was a teen placed in a similar facility for some of the same reasons.)

Dear Abby

The problem is, when I was in a dark period of my life, I was a cutter. I still have deep scars on one arm that are noticeable. How do I handle this now that I'm in the psychological field? I don't wish to go into detail about my past, as that would be poor boundaries as an employee and counselor. But it's hard to avoid with hot summer weather here and my past literally "on my sleeve."

Please help. Some actions have permanent consequences. I hope this will remind other cutters that their wounds may be something they wish they could undo once they are emotionally healed.

NAMELESS IN AMERICA

DEAR NAMELESS: I hope your comments will remind other cutters not only that actions have consequences, but also that there are more effective solutions for emotional pain than self-injury. This is something you should discuss with your employers. My thinking is, if your clients see your scars, it may help them to talk about their own cutting, which would be therapeutic.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently became a father for the third time. My children are 18, 5 and 3 weeks old. My wife, "Molly," had complications during this last pregnancy that caused her blood pressure to remain in a heightened state for the last few months of her pregnancy. She had been hoping for a little girl, but we were blessed with another boy.

I'm turning 40 and my wife is 37. I have reached a point in my life where I'm ready to be done changing diapers, but Molly wants to try again for a little girl. I have issues with my back and have a hard time getting to my 5-year-old's level now. I'm afraid if we continue having children, I'll be unable to be the involved dad I want to be.

Am I a bad husband for feeling this way? I don't want Molly to go through life regretting not having the daughter she always wanted, but there is no guarantee it will happen if we decide to try again.

I make a fair living, but with additional mouths to feed come additional financial responsibilities. I'm afraid I won't be able to provide for my growing family as I need to. Am I right in my thinking, or am I being overly cautious?

STOPPING AT THREE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR STOPPING AT THREE: You are thinking clearly. At 37, and with her medical history, your wife would be considered "at risk" if she becomes pregnant again. While I sympathize with the fact that she yearns for a daughter, allow me to share a true story with you:

A man was in a similar situation to yours, but he had four daughters. So he and his wife decided they would try "one more time" for a son. Sure enough, his wife became pregnant. She delivered beautiful identical twin ... daughters. At that point he gave up and had a vasectomy!

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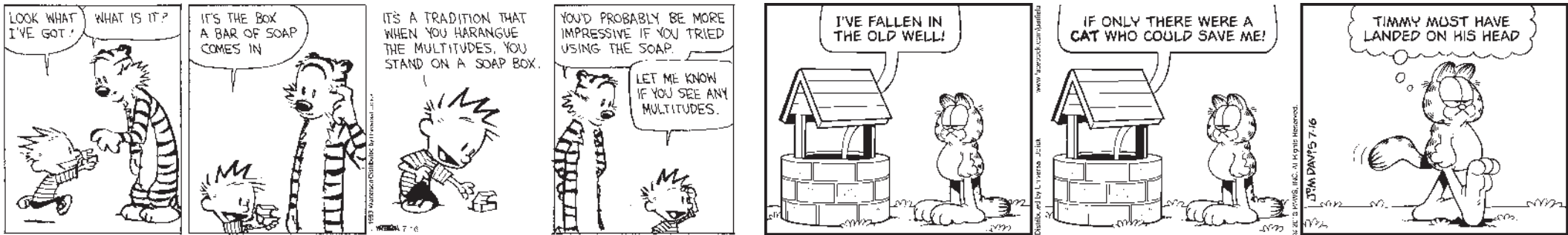
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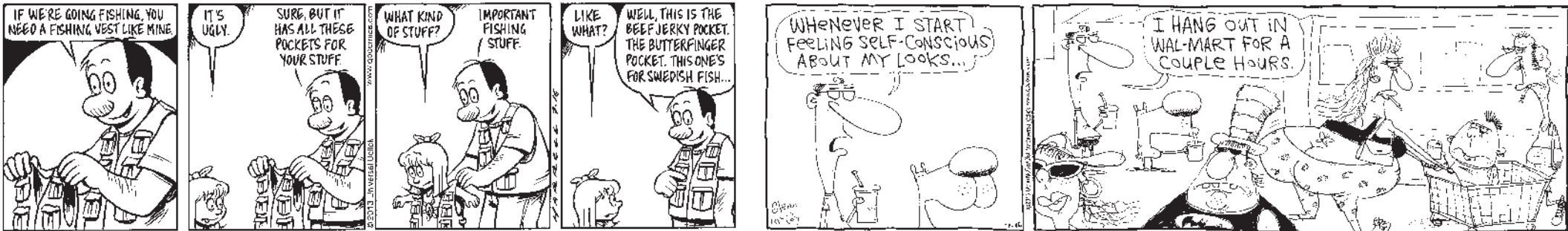
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: AnnaLynne McCord, 26; Adam Scott, 33; Corey Feldman, 42; Will Ferrell, 46.

Happy Birthday: Make adjustments to your home, investments and physical wellness. The more you focus inward, the easier it will be to control your life and what is going on around you. Keeping life simple and staying within your budget and personal goals will bring good results. Revisit the ethics you were raised with. Your numbers are 2, 9, 12, 24, 31, 38, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Home improvements and domestic expenditures will be tempting, but think twice before you spend money. Downsizing instead of adding to your overhead is preferable. Self-improvement projects or investing in your skills and your future are more advisable. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make contact with people who have something to offer you. A chance to share ideas, travel to unfamiliar places or explore new opportunities should be the focus of your day. Help will come from an unusual source. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Spend more time and money fixing up your digs and making personal improvements that will benefit you professionally. An unusual approach to the way you do business or the way you earn your living will interest someone who can influence your future. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be careful how you handle friends, peers and family. Not everyone will play fairly. Don't allow emotions to be your driving force. You must stick to practical solutions if you don't want to face an upsetting response from someone you thought you could count on. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep your plans a secret until you are prepared to put them into play. Bring about the changes you want to instill quickly. An unpredictable turn of events will occur if you don't follow rules. Don't leave room for error. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your increased willpower, coupled with your desire to improve, will help you get ahead. Establish a good rapport with individuals who have something to offer, as well as those with the authority to help you get what you want. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Partnerships will pose a problem for you. Don't make changes without getting the go-ahead first. Someone is likely to exert pressure or become pushy should you try to take control. Don't argue over something minor. Bide your time and make your words count. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Explore new avenues, interests, people and places. Your mind will be in overdrive and the information you pick up will help you make decisions that will improve your life and the way you live. An unusual domestic change will be to your benefit. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Renovate, redecorate or make changes that will add to your assets. Approaching an organization that can offer you an opportunity

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to advance will be gratifying. A chance to travel or visit a destination you've never been to before is preferable. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): What you do for others will put you in a favorable position. Don't let the changes someone else makes cause you grief. Move in your own direction and pursue the goals that will lead to your professional and personal success. ****

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Your attraction to people from different backgrounds must not lead you in a direction that limits your freedom or ability to reach your goals. Love is on the rise but must not interfere with your professional plans. **

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Verlander no-hits Texas until 7th, Tigers win



DETROIT
(AP)—Justin Verlander

held Texas hitless until the seventh inning as the Detroit Tigers backed their ace with three home runs in a 5-0 victory over the Rangers on Sunday.

Mitch Moreland's two-out double to right-center broke up Verlander's bid for his third career no-hitter. Verlander (10-6) left the game after the seventh with a tight right quad muscle, having allowed just one hit and three walks. He struck out three.

Torii Hunter, Victor Martinez and Jhonny Peralta hit solo homers off Texas starter Martin Perez (3-2). The Rangers finished with two hits.

Verlander was picked for the American League All-Star team but was replaced for Tuesday night's event. He lowered his ERA to 3.50.

Hunter went deep in the first to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead, and Martinez and Peralta hit back-to-back homers in the fourth.



Detroit Tigers starter Justin Verlander pitches against the Texas Rangers in the first inning of a baseball game on Sunday, July 14, 2013, in Detroit.

Twins 10, Yankees 4

In New York, Aaron Hicks hit a three-run homer a pitch after shortstop Eduardo Nunez made a two-out throwing error as Minnesota took advantage of New York miscues and misfortune to beat CC Sabathia for the first time in six years and end more than a decade of misery in the Bronx.

Justin Morneau had three hits—two very well placed—as Minnesota took two of three from New York to win a series at Yankee Stadium for the first time since taking a set at the old ballpark in 2001. Still, the Twins are 9-31 in the Bronx since 2002.

They had even less success against Sabathia (9-8), going 0-11 in 12 games including the postseason after beating him on July 29, 2007. Sabathia gave up a season-high eight runs—three earned—and matched his low of four innings this year.

Rookie Kyle Gibson (2-2) benefited from the sloppy play to earn his second win in four career starts. He pitched five-plus shaky innings, yielding three runs—two earned—on five hits and four walks.

Minnesota (39-53) finished 3-7 on a 10-game trip.

Indians 6, Royals 4

In Cleveland, Asdrubal Cabrera hit a two-run double to cap Cleveland's comeback in the sixth inning as the Indians charged into the All-Star break with a three-game sweep of Kansas City.

Cabrera's double off Tim Collins (2-5) led the Indians to their fourth straight win. At 51-44, they stayed 1 1-2 games behind first-place Detroit in the AL Central. Cleveland has its most wins at the break since 2007—the last time the Indians made the playoffs.

Reliever Rich Hill (1-1) got

two outs in the sixth and closer Chris Perez—Cleveland's fifth reliever—worked the ninth for his 13th save.

Indians All-Star second baseman Jason Kipnis drove in two runs.

Billy Butler had three hits for the Royals (43-49), who dropped their fifth straight.

Orioles 7, Blue Jays 4

In Baltimore, Chris Davis hit his 37th home run to equal the AL record before the All-Star break as Baltimore cruised past Toronto.

Davis doubled in two runs in the first inning and hit a two-run homer in the third to give him 93 RBIs, second-most in the majors behind Detroit's Miguel Cabrera.

By going deep in a fourth straight game, Davis equaled Reggie Jackson's AL mark of 37 homers before the break, set in 1969. The major league record is 39, by Barry Bonds in 2001.

Adam Jones homered and scored three runs for the Orioles. The home run was his 19th of the season and third in three games.

Scott Feldman (1-1) allowed three runs and five hits over 7 1-3 innings to earn his first win with the Orioles. After Maicer Izturis singled in a run in the ninth off Tommy Hunter, Jim Johnson got three outs for his 33rd save.

Izturis had three RBIs. Josh Johnson (1-5) yielded a career high-tying seven earned runs and seven hits in six innings.

Rays 5, Astros 0

In St. Petersburg, Florida, rookie Chris Archer pitched a five-hitter for his first complete game in the majors as Tampa Bay beat Houston.

Archer (4-3) struck out eight and walked none in his 13th big league start, including nine this season.

Desmond Jennings homered as the Rays won for the 14th

time in 16 games. Tampa Bay completed its most successful three-series homestand at 9-1, and went into the All-Star break in second place in the AL East.

Houston headed into the break with a 17-inning scoreless streak. The Astros have lost 12 of 15 and have the worst record in the majors at 33-61 during their first season in the American League.

The Rays scored two runs in the fourth with the help of a throwing error by Erik Bedard (3-6), who gave up eight hits and struck out six in five innings.

Mariners 4, Angels 3

In Seattle, Hisashi Iwakuma won for the first time in over a month as Seattle completed its first sweep of the season, beating the Los Angeles Angels.

Michael Saunders hit a two-run homer, and Raul Ibanez had an RBI double for the Mariners, who topped Los Angeles for the third straight day.

The Mariners have homered in 22 consecutive games, the longest streak in the majors since Atlanta's 23-game run in 2006. Seattle's string is the best by an AL club since Texas set the major league record with 27 in 2002.

Sluggers Josh Hamilton and Albert Pujols went a combined 1 for 8 as the Angels went into the All-Star break at 44-49.

Iwakuma (8-4) gave up three runs in seven innings for his first win since June 10. He had allowed at least four runs in each of his prior five starts, losing three. Tom Wilhelmson pitched a perfect ninth inning for his 19th save.

Saunders connected in the second off Joe Blanton (2-12) after Justin Smoak singled.

Athletics 3, Red Sox 2, 11 innings

In Oakland, California, Josh Donaldson blooped an RBI

single with two outs in the 11th inning as Oakland beat Boston despite a stellar start by Red Sox rookie Brandon Workman.

Workman took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning of his first major league start. Coco Crisp broke it up with a leadoff infield single.

Workman had pitched only once in the majors, getting roughed up over two innings in relief at Seattle. He became the third rookie in four days to pitch no-hit ball into the sixth inning of his first big league start — Houston's Jarred Cosart and Cleveland's Danny Salazar did it in their major league debuts.

Donaldson hit a tying, two-run homer off Workman in the seventh, then singled with two outs in the 11th. Matt Thornton (0-4) lost in his Boston debut.

Ryan Cook (2-2) worked two innings and earned the victory for the A's, who have won five of seven.

Dustin Pedroia and Brock Holt each drove in a run for the Red Sox, who haven't won a series in Oakland since July 2006.

Mets 4, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Dillon Gee pitched another gem against the Pirates, and John Buck hit a two-run single to lead the New York Mets to a victory and avoid a sweep by Pittsburgh before the All-Star break.

Gee (7-7) allowed just one unearned run in 6 2/3 innings to the Pirates (56-37). He is 3-0 with a 1.38 ERA in five career starts against Pittsburgh. Gee scattered five hits, struck out two and walked one.

Buck's hit capped a three-run first inning against fill-in starter Gerrit Cole (4-3), who lost his third straight start after becoming the first Pirates pitcher since Nick Maddox in 1907 to win the first four of his career.

Buck, Eric Young Jr. and Marlon Byrd each had three hits

for New York, which finished a 6-3 road trip.

Bobby Parnell earned his 17th save in 20 opportunities with a scoreless ninth.

Starling Marte had two hits for the Pirates, whose three-game winning streak was snapped.

Nationals 5, Marlins 2

In Miami, Denard Span had three hits, including a tiebreaking two-out RBI double in the 10th inning, and Washington beat Miami.

Span was dropped from the top spot in the order for the first time this season, and he responded with three hits in the No. 7 position. He snapped a 1-for-20 slump with a two-out RBI double in the second inning, and singled in the fourth.

The defending NL East champion Nationals averted a series sweep and snapped a three-game losing streak. Washington won despite going 2 for 10 with runners in scoring position and hit .087 (4 for 46) in those situations during their trip.

Washington rookie Taylor Jordan remained winless in four career starts despite an ERA of 3.32. The Florida native allowed two runs in six innings.

Craig Stammen (5-4) pitched a perfect ninth. Rafael Soriano followed with a scoreless 10th for his 25th save.

Miami's Henderson Alvarez gave up only two runs in 6 2-3 innings despite allowing nine hits and two walks. Steve Cishek (3-5) took the loss.

Miami snapped the Nationals' franchise-record streak of hitting a home run in 86 consecutive series.

Cardinals 10, Cubs 6

In Chicago, Yadier Molina hit a three-run homer in St. Louis' four-run ninth inning as the Cardinals beat Chicago in the majors' final game before the All-Star break.

Allen Craig lined a tiebreaking RBI single into left field before Molina drove an 0-2 pitch from Kevin Gregg (2-2) over the wall in left for his seventh homer. Craig and Molina tuned up for Tuesday's game in New York with four hits apiece, helping St. Louis to a season-high 21 hits overall.

Chicago went up 4-3 on Darwin Barney's three-run homer in the sixth and pinch hitter Cody Ransom had a tying two-run double in the eighth, but the Cubs' bullpen was unable to hold off the NL's highest-scoring team.

Pete Kozma had two RBI singles as the Cardinals won for the seventh time in nine games to salvage a split of the four-game series. Edward Mujica (2-1) had his second blown save opportunity in 28 chances, but managed to get the win on the same day he was chosen to replace teammate Adam Wainwright on the NL All-Star team.

Reds 8, Braves 4

In Atlanta, Jay Bruce hit a two-run homer in Cincinnati's four-run third inning. Shin-Soo Choo also homered, and the Reds beat Julio Teheran and Atlanta.

Bruce led the Reds with three hits. Brandon Phillips had a two-run double in the ninth, and Choo had two hits and scored three runs as the Reds split the four-game series.

Reds right-hander Logan Ondrusek (3-0) threw two scoreless innings as the second reliever behind Tony Cingrani, who lasted only four innings.

Teheran (7-5) allowed five runs, seven hits and two walks in 5 1-3 innings.

Andreton Simmons and Dan Uggla hit homers for Atlanta.

Braves first baseman Freddie Freeman was held out because of a jammed left thumb that will prevent him from playing in the All-Star game.

Phillies 4, White Sox 3, 10 innings

In Philadelphia, John Mayberry Jr. hit an RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning, lifting Philadelphia over the Chicago White Sox.

Chase Utley led off the 10th with a double and David Purcey (0-1) walked Jimmy Rollins. The runners advanced on Domonic Brown's groundout and Darin Ruf was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Ramon Troncoso relieved and struck out Young. But Mayberry lined Troncoso's first pitch up the middle for the winning run.

Antonio Bastardo (3-2) pitched a scoreless 10th to earn the victory.

All three games in the series went extra innings. The teams played a total of 34 innings over 11 hours, 12 minutes, including a doubleheader on Saturday.

The White Sox scored a run in the ninth off Jonathan Papelbon, who blew his fifth save in 25 chances.

Froome wins stage 15 of Tour, extends lead



MONT VENTOUX, France (AP) —

British rider Chris Froome showed why he remains the overwhelming Tour de France favorite by winning Sunday's grueling 15th stage up to Mont Ventoux to extend his lead over main rival Alberto Contador.

Froome attacked about two-thirds of the way up the mammoth 13-mile Ventoux, and his acceleration was too much for two-time former champion Contador. The Spaniard dropped back to sixth and finished about 1 minute, 40 seconds behind as tens of thousands of people crammed the roadside on Bastille Day—France's National Day.

"This is massive. Everyone wanted to win this stage today, on Bastille Day, being on top of Mont Ventoux," Froome said. "It really was an epic stage today."

The win means Froome effectively made up the time he lost on Friday's sprint stage, when Contador caught him with a surprise attack. He leads Dutchman Bauke Mollema by 4 minutes, 14 seconds and Contador by 4:25.

"It wasn't really about sending (Contador) a message, but I'm obviously going to take as much time as I can," Froome said. "I'm really happy to have this advantage now."

Colombian Nairo Quintana was second, 29 seconds behind, and Mikel Nieve of Spain was third, 1:23 behind.

"My objective today was to take a bit of time in the general classification, but I didn't think



Stage winner and overall leader Christopher Froome of Britain crosses the finish line of the fifteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 242.5 kilometers (150.7 miles) with start in Givors and finish on the summit of Mont Ventoux pass, France, Sunday July 14, 2013.

I could win the stage," Froome said. "I thought Quintana would win it. But his legs started to go in the last two kilometers."

The longest stage of the race took riders over 151 miles from Givors in the winemaking Rhone Valley and ended in the Provence region.

Ventoux is one of the most famed climbs in the Tour's 110-year history. Britain's Tom Simpson collapsed and died on it during the 1967 Tour.

Froome raised his right arm in the air when he crossed the line for his second stage win of the race after winning a mountain stage in the Pyrenees on Stage 8 with a similarly decimating attack.

"It was incredible today, incredible. This is the biggest victory of my career," Froome said. "I didn't imagine this, this climb is so historical. It means so much to this race, especially being the 100th edition."

Froome said he needed "five or 10 minutes on the oxygen" mask after the stage.

Froome's Sky team manager Dave Brailsford hailed his rider as "above his competitors," adding that "every time it's been man against man, Chris has shown he's up to the challenge."

It is the first Tour since Lance Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour titles (1999-2005) for serial doping. Froome has

twice been asked during the race if he is racing clean and answered in the affirmative.

He was not asked after Sunday's stage, but Brailsford said "we have a great performance and 10 minutes later I jump for joy like this, and then 10 minutes later I guarantee you I'll be answering all these questions and allegations about doping for the next few days."

A nine-man breakaway group, including sprint champion Peter Sagan and French veteran Sylvain Chavanel, led early in the race. Sagan picked up more valuable points in his quest to win the green jersey for the second straight year, extending his already massive lead over Brit

Mark Cavendish, the 2011 Tour sprint champion.

Reputed to be one of cycling's showmen, Sagan lifted his front wheel and did a wheelie, followed by a salute to the crowd in a rare moment of frivolity on an otherwise difficult day.

The small group of front-runners split open on Ventoux, leaving Chavanel alone in front, and with about 9 miles of climbing still to go. Froome, meanwhile, only had two Sky teammates—Australian Richie Porte and Britain's Peter Kennaugh—to help him.

Andy Schleck, the 2010 Tour champion, was dropped straight away while the 36-year-old Cadel Evans, who

won the 2011 Tour, also faded, as did Chavanel.

"It was a terrible day for me," Evans said.

Quintana didn't have enough at the end of the race.

"I needed more strength, but I couldn't find it," Quintana said. "I'd already made an enormous effort."

With about 6 miles to go, Contador still had three teammates with him but Froome would lose them all.

Other countries were well represented. There were dozens of Union Jacks and Norwegians and Danes wearing Viking costumes. Pockets of Belgians and Dutch swigged beers, others dressed up as animals or ran alongside the riders in inflatable body suits.

The chaotic, raucous, deafeningly loud scene included motorbikes and spectators perilously close to the riders. Toward the top it was windy, overcast and cool, a welcome respite from the stifling heat below, with temperatures again well into the 90s.

Following a rest day Monday, there is a medium mountain stage on Tuesday—104 miles from the medieval cliff-top town of Vaison-la-Romaine in Provence to Gap in the Alps.

Then come the final few days of agony in the mountains.

There are three straight days of tortuous climbing—including two ascents up the famed l'Alpe d'Huez pass in one day on Stage 18. The next two days both feature two Hors Catégorie climbs each—so tough they are considered beyond classification.

The race ends July 21 with an evening finish on the Champs-Elysees.

Spieth surges to historic win at Deere Classic



SILVIS, Ill. (AP)—It's not hard to find some flaws in Jordan Spieth's historic win at the John Deere Classic.

Sure, most of the world's top golfers were a continent away preparing for Muirfield and this week's British Open. And yes, even Spieth knows luck was one of the major reasons why he became the first teenager in over eight decades to win on the PGA Tour.

Spieth's ascension, however, isn't a fluke.

The 19-year-old Texan simply affirmed why many view him as one of the world's most promising young golfers.

Spieth rallied from as many as seven shots down Sunday and took down Zach Johnson—a Masters winner and a defending champion playing in his hometown event—to notch his first career PGA Tour win in a grueling five-hole, three-man playoff.

He did it by thinking like a kid—and playing like a future



Jordan Spieth reacts after winning the John Deere Classic golf tournament, Sunday, July 14, 2013, at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. Spieth defeated Zach Johnson and David Hearn on the fifth hole of a playoff.

star. "This is my view on it, which is a 19-year-old's view, so don't hold me to it in a few years. But my view on it is you want to approach it the same way I approach being in con-

tention in a college event," said Spieth, just a year removed from a one-and-done career with the Longhorns that he finished as an All-American. "If you start thinking ahead, you start think-

ing Augusta, you start thinking playoffs, you start thinking winning, it's difficult."

It's hard to not start thinking ahead to the Masters, the FedEx Cup and more victories for

Spieth after his run through the par-71 TPC Deere Run.

The Dallas native, who was tied for second in Puerto Rico in March, opened the tournament with a 1-under 70. But once Spieth figured out the course, he notched three straight 65s to finish at 19-under 265 and give himself a chance at victory.

The one stroke everyone will remember was certainly fortunate—and undoubtedly gutsy.

Spieth was in a deep bunker to the right of the green on No. 18 at the end of regulation. Though there were groups ahead of him with golf yet to play, Spieth knew he probably needed to hole out to have a shot at a playoff.

Spieth fired the ball at the pin. After a quick bounce, it pinged off the stick and dropped straight down in one of the more memorable shots in tournament history.

Spieth then survived four holes in the playoff with Johnson and David Hearn before sinking a 2-footer for the win.

"Now given, there was some luck involved. But to pull off the shot, it wasn't a winning feeling, per se. The only winning feeling came after the 2-footer

went in when I made sure that it stayed in the bottom of the hole, and didn't somehow get out," Spieth said. "No, it was just shock, surprise, really cool atmosphere and cool roars. I didn't know how to react."

Spieth can be forgiven for that.

What he accomplished was essentially unprecedented in the modern game.

Spieth, who doesn't turn 20 for another two weeks, is the first teenager to win since Ralph Guldahl took the Santa Monica Open in 1931. To put that in perspective, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Rory McIlroy were all older than Spieth when they picked up their first victories.

Of course, to expect Spieth to match any of those star golfers in Muirfield this week would be unrealistic given his lack of experience.

Still, the way Spieth earned his ticket to the British Open suggests that he might be more ready for that challenge than some might believe.

"He's mentally strong ... it looks like he's pretty gathered. He's confident. He hit some great shots, obviously," Johnson said.



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CNMI and Guam players in action during an Commonwealth Football League Association-organized exhibition game at the CPA Field in May this year. CFLA will host the 2013 Saipan Youth Football League for players in the 6 to 13 age group next month.

Registration for CFLA youth league ongoing

 Continuing on its goal of reviving American tackle football in the CNMI, the Commonwealth Football League Association (CFLA), through a grant funding provided by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) Child Care and Development Program (CCDF) Summer Program Activities, has begun accepting registration forms for the 2013 Saipan Youth Football League for players in the 6 to 13 age group.

Practice schedules and locations will be announced once team rosters for the different age categories are filled. The summer program will focus on teaching football fundamentals to three age groups. The three groups are Pee-Wees (6 to 8 years old), Junior Warriors or Junior Midgets (9 to 11 years old), and Warriors or Midgets (12 to 13 years old). Teams are also divided into four regions and tentative names are as follows: Northern Saints, Southern Thunder, Western Titans, and Eastern Gladiators. The two younger age groups will compete in flag football with teams

training for a few weeks before the weekend tournament scheduled for Aug. 31. The Warrior age group will implement tackle football and gear will be purchased utilizing funding from the DCCA grant. Teams in the Warriors division will play a two-round robin regular season and a playoff to determine the champion. Coaches for the Warrior programs include Vince Castro, Paul Guerrero,Jermaine Catching, and Dave Ada Jr. Castro will be serving as head coach for the Northern Saints and will be assisted by George Lieto Jr., while

Guerrero will head the Western Titans. Catching will take charge of the Southern Thunder, while Dave Ada Jr. will help with the Eastern Gladiators program. Coaches for the two younger age brackets are still needed. Referees to officiate games are also welcome. For those interested in volunteering or wishing to download registration, waiver, and medical forms, please visit CFLA's new website at www.cnmifootball.com or send e-mail to cnmifootball@gmail.com. You can also contact CFLA chair John Blanco at 483-5472 for more information. *(Saipan Tribune).*

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ing space, 89-74, 7 seconds left on the clock. A triple from Preston Basa on the other end moved the Ol'Aces within 3 and that became the last basket in the match, as only one second was left on

the clock and it ticked away after Mariana Resort's inbound play. Mangali paced Mariana Resort with his 20 points, while Fitial added 12, and Leo Galarse and Joyner chipped in 10 apiece. Jesus Iguel led the Ol'Aces with his 17 markers, but was scoreless in the

second and third periods. He dropped 12 in the opening canto to lift the Ol'Aces to a 22-17 lead and increased the advantage to 10 in the second canto before the monumental collapse in the third period. Mariana Resort 80 — Mangali 20,

Fitial 12, Galarse 10, Joyner 10, Paraiso 10, Wesley 5, Montes 4, Sanciango 2, Sison 2, Moises 2. Ol'Aces 77 — Iguel 17, Camacho 10, Basa 10, Olaitiman 9, Litulumar 8, Renguul 8, Ogumoro 6. Scoring by quarters: 17-22, 37-45, 64-59, 80-77.

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to keep up with NMI A in the first half, falling behind by only two goals before NMI A went on a rampage in the final 25 minutes of the match. Kenneth Domingo scored two goals, while Masga and Hall had one each to lift NMI A to a 4-2 halftime advantage. Brian Lee and Sun Joon Tenorio tallied one goal apiece for the Thundercats in the first half. Then in the second half, NMI A found the back of the net nine times, while the Thundercats answered with only one goal, courtesy of Lee. Hall anchored

NMI A's second-half demolition with his hat-trick in the final frame, while Enrico del Rosario logged two goals. Carlson Cruzat, Joel Fruit, Masga, and Yobech contributed one apiece. NMI B 6, Thundercats 2 NMI B (3-0-0) also triumphed over the Thundercats in last Saturday's final game. NMI B took the win despite failing to score in the first half. Makani Gramlich was the lone player to break into the board in the opening 25 minutes of the match, giving the Thundercats a taste of the lead before NMI B buckled

down to work in the second half. Ryu Tanzawa led NMI B in the second half with his hat-trick, while Yoshi Mafnas, Jordan Butcheer, and John Taisacan added one goal each. NMI B 3, Asian Kanoa FC 2 Mafnas and Taisacan drilled one goal apiece, too in last Sunday's match to help NMI B slipped past Asian Kanoa FC. The two NMI B strikers scored in the second half, while Tanzawa made the other goal in the first half. Kim recorded both goals for Asian Kanoa FC (0-0-3)

Shirley's 6, ALU FC 3 In the only girls match last Saturday, Shirley's made it two in a row against Alu FC. Shirley's FC, which eked out a 2-1 victory over ALU FC in the league opener last month before the competition took a break last week, fired three goals each in the first and second half to remain unbeaten. Diana Maniacop nailed one goal apiece in the first and second half, while Elaine Enriquez, Michaela Gariguez, Diane Pablo, and Gabrielle Race added one each. ALU FC's three goals came from Maile Aldrich, Chloe Salvosa, and Gillian Villagomez.

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the first half. He added 7 more in the fourth canto, leaving 8 Division/Navy Hill no chances to bring down the deficit to single digit. With 8 Division/Navy Hill struggling in its debut game, only Christian Devero tallied double figures for the team with his 10 markers, while Bahillo and Reyes finished with 17 and 14 points, respectively, and Brian Ajoste chipped in 13.

In the second game, Kalayaan played a solid game in the last three quarters en route to the 22-point win over Wushin Express. After trailing in the first period, 10-13, Kalayaan scored at least 20 points in the final three periods to bounce back from a 55-83 loss to Adobo last week. Don Brennan and Roy Hernandez combined for 13 points in the second canto, turning a 3-point deficit to a 31-23 halftime edge. The lead ballooned to 18 in the third, 51-33, as Kalayaan con-

nected on three triples and held Wushin to 11 points. Wushin then had its most points in the fourth, scoring 16, but it was not enough to overhaul Kalayaan's lead, as the latter tallied 21 markers in the playoff period. First Game Mawati 75 — Bahillo17, Reyes 14, Ajoste 13, Rena 9, Samsom 8, Ibanez 6, Guntar 4, Bautista 2. 8 Division/Navy Hill 52 — Devero 10, Surima 8, Mancao 7, Quan 5, Buenabajo 4, Cortez 4, Leomo 3,

Jacob 2, Rebuyon 2. Scoring by quarters: 15-12, 38-16, 57-31, 75-52. Second Game Kalayaan 72 — Jung 15, R. Hernandez 14, Brennan 14, Herrera 9, J. Hernandez 7, Apelo 3. Wushin Express/Kixx 50 — Aranda 14, Lansang 10, Tibayan 10, Ebuen 4, Albina 3, Farinas 3, Tengco 2, Vilasan 2. Scoring by quarters: 10-13, 31-23, 51-33, 72-50.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	58	39	.598	—
Tampa Bay	55	41	.573	2 1/2
Baltimore	53	43	.552	4 1/2
New York	51	44	.537	6
Toronto	45	49	.479	11 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	52	42	.553	—
Cleveland	51	44	.537	1 1/2
Kansas City	43	49	.467	8
Minnesota	39	53	.424	12
Chicago	37	55	.402	14

West Division

Oakland	56	39	.589	—
Texas	54	41	.568	2
Los Angeles	44	49	.473	11
Seattle	43	52	.453	13
Houston	33	61	.351	22 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	54	41	.568	—
Washington	48	47	.505	6
Philadelphia	48	48	.500	6 1/2
New York	41	50	.451	11
Miami	35	58	.376	18

Central Division

St. Louis	57	36	.613	—
Pittsburgh	56	37	.602	1
Cincinnati	53	42	.558	5
Chicago	42	51	.452	15
Milwaukee	38	56	.404	19 1/2

West Division

Arizona	50	45	.526	—
Los Angeles	47	47	.500	2 1/2
Colorado	46	50	.479	4 1/2
San Francisco	43	51	.457	6 1/2
San Diego	42	54	.438	8 1/2

JOHN DEERE CLASSIC SCORES

SILVIS, Illinois (AP) — Scores Saturday from the John Deere Classic, a PGA Tour event played at the 7,268-yard, par-71 TPC Deere Run course.

FINAL ROUND

x-Jordan Spieth	70-65-65-65—265
Zach Johnson	64-66-67-68—265
David Hearn	66-66-64-69—265
Martin Flores	67-67-69-63—266
Jerry Kelly	68-64-66-68—266
Daniel Summerhays	65-67-62-72—266
Patrick Reed	67-63-70-67—267
Matt Jones	66-65-68-68—267
J.J. Henry	68-65-65-69—267
Steve Stricker	67-66-69-66—268
Jim Herman	66-68-67-67—269
Steven Bowditch	69-68-67-65—269
Kevin Sutherland	70-65-65-69—269
Nicholas Thompson	69-66-64-70—269
Steve LeBrun	67-67-72-64—270
Harris English	69-69-65-67—270
Chez Reavie	72-61-69-68—270
Chad Campbell	69-67-66-68—270
Lucas Glover	68-62-71-69—270
a-Patrick Rodgers	67-69-65-69—270
Morgan Hoffmann	74-64-63-69—270
Scott Brown	71-67-65-68—271
Robert Streb	66-72-65-68—271
Ryan Moore	67-70-65-69—271
Jason Bohn	69-69-64-69—271
Chris Kirk	67-66-66-72—271
Boo Weekley	66-69-71-66—272
Bryce Molder	70-66-70-66—272
Nick Watney	67-70-69-66—272
Mike Weir	69-69-67-67—272
Kevin Stadler	70-68-66-68—272
Troy Matteson	68-64-69-71—272
Lee Williams	67-68-73-65—273
Stuart Appleby	70-68-68-67—273
Charles Howell III	68-66-71-68—273
Joe Aflrunti	69-67-69-68—273
K.J. Choi	67-70-68-68—273
Jonathan Byrd	69-68-67-69—273
Brian Davis	70-68-66-69—273
Joey Snyder III	72-64-67-70—273
Ryo Ishikawa	68-69-66-70—273
Justin Hicks	71-66-66-70—273
Scott Langley	68-67-67-71—273
Andres Romero	71-67-69-67—274
Heath Slocum	71-67-66-70—274
Kevin Streelman	66-66-71-71—274
Erik Compton	72-66-64-72—274
Ken Duke	69-67-72-67—275
Gary Woodland	69-68-69-69—275
Vaughn Taylor	66-71-69-69—275
Dicky Pride	68-69-68-70—275
John Kimbell	69-69-66-71—275
Y.E. Yang	70-66-69-71—276
Brendon de Jonge	65-68-74-70—277
David Mathis	70-66-71-70—277
Tom Gillis	67-68-72-70—277
Carl Pettersson	70-67-70-70—277
Tim Petrovic	70-68-69-70—277
Brandt Jobe	69-67-70-71—277
Rod Pampling	69-69-68-71—277
Doug LaBelle II	69-69-71-69—278
Greg Owen	71-67-71-69—278
Matt Bettencourt	65-73-70-70—278
Keegan Bradley	69-69-70-70—278
Brian Gay	68-69-70-71—278
Michael Letzig	68-69-69-72—278
Andrew Svoboda	68-69-68-73—278
Nick O'Hern	69-69-73-69—280
DarronStiles	71-67-72-70—280
Roberto Castro	68-68-72-72—280
Camilo Villegas	64-73-73-71-281
Davis Love III	67-71-73-73—284

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SBA 8-Ball League Winter/Spring 2013 Awarding

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Players and sponsor of Wild Bill's/NTT Docomo Hustlers show their third place trophies during the awards ceremony for the SBA 8-Ball League Winter/Spring 2013 held last Sunday at PIC's Charley's Cabaret.



The visiting players from Guam pose for a group photo before the start of the awards ceremony.



Players and sponsor of Poseidon Crazy 8 show their Tuesday League Sportsmanship Award.



Players and sponsor of Thursday League runner-up Bammy's Equalizer 2 show their trophies.



Players of Joe's/Fiesta Resort & Spa pose for a photo after getting their championship trophies in the Tuesday League Budweiser Cup.



Jonny's TEAM SCS players receive the Thursday League's Sportsmanship Award.



Nolan Cultura gets two trophies for winning the top performer awards in the Thursday and Tuesday leagues.



Tuesday League co-MVP's Marc Brian Nelvis, left, and Chester Hamoy.



Jerry Soriano poses with his Thursday League MVP award.



Tuesday League's 8-ball on the break winners Marc Brian Nelvis, left, and Clifford Hamoy.



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Mariana Resort downs Ol'Aces



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Mariana Resort barged into the win column in the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup after outlasting the Ol'Aces, 80-77, last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mariana Resort held the Ol'Aces (1-1) scoreless for about seven minutes in the second half and then withstood its foes' late rally to recover from its 55-83 debut loss versus Armatech.

The Ol'Aces drought started midway in the third period, as they were stuck to 59 points for four minutes. Peter Camacho's baseline drive at the 5:56 mark of the third gave the Ol'Aces a 59-53 lead that was wiped out by the end of that quarter with Mariana Resort launching a pivotal 11-0 run. Elgene Mangali contributed 4 points in the rally, while Rolly Paraiso made three free throws, and Ernie Moises and Jawn Joyner added one field goal apiece.

Mariana Resort stretched the 64-59 advantage to twin digits, 72-59, as the Ol'Aces remained silent in the opening three minutes of the final canto before Camacho's shot underneath at the 6:55 mark broke the spell.

Camacho's basket sparked the

Ol'Aces' comeback bid and they managed to bring the lead down to 2, 74-76, in the last 22 seconds, but Mariana Resort hung in there with the great inbound plays. The first one came after off Kelvin Fitial's touchdown pass to Joyner. Fitial made the inbound from the back court after Trevor Ogumoro scored and cut the lead to a deuce and spotted the sprinting Joyner to the frontcourt. Joyner connected on the crucial basket and also got a foul. He missed the bonus shot, but Mariana Resort got the ball back as the Ol'Aces' Leroy Rangamar touched the ball last in the rebound play before the leather went out of bounds.

Mariana Resort then did the inbound at the baseline with Marlon Sison quickly recognizing that Ol'Aces had yet to set up its defense and feeding Mangali to give their team more breath-

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Mariana Resort's Leo Galarce, second left, plays tough defense on Ol'Aces' Preston Basa, while Fred Litulumar and Art Montes get ready for the next play during their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

NMI A, B sweep foes in futsal league

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The 2013 Saipan Soccer School Youth Futsal League resumed over the weekend with the favored NMI A and B teams notching twin wins at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the second game last Saturday, NMI A coasted to an 7-1 victory over Asian Kanoa FC. Joel Fruit led the win, drilling a pair of goals, while Kennedy Izuka, John Masga, Dakota Hall, Jireh Yobech, and Jehn Joyner contributed one each.

NMI A scored three goals in the first half against only one from Asian Kanoa FC. Jun Sik Kim scored the lone goal for the losing squad.

NMI A (2-0-1) then returned to the pitch last Sunday and routed the Thundercats, 13-3.

The Thundercats (1-0-2) managed

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NMI A's Enrico Del Rosario leads a breakaway play while NMI B's Billy Hinson stays on defense during an earlier game in the SSS futsal league at the TSL Sports Complex.

Lopsided wins by Kalayaan, Mawati

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Kalayaan and Mawati routed separate foes in the 2013 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Mawati played in the first game and whipped 8 Division/Navy Hill, 75-52, while Kalayaan also cruised to victory in the second match of the night against Wushin Express/Kixx Engine Oil, 72-50.

Mawati held 8 Division/Navy Hill to 4 points in the second quarter to open a 38-16 advantage at the break. Jason Bahillo led the Mawati attack, as he outgunned the entire 8 Division/Navy Hill crew in the second canto, scoring 11 points, including two triples. 8 Division/Navy Hill's 4 markers came the Sydney Quan and Matt Buenabajo's field goal.

8 Division/Navy Hill picked its offense in the third period, however Mawati still outscored its foe, 19-15, to keep the double-digit lead intact. Jerome Reyes started out for Mawati in the second half and made 6 points after drilling only one free throw in

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Jason Bahillo, seen here pulling up for a jumper against Sister Market's Jerome Norita, scored 17 points in their 75-52 win over 8 Division/Navy Hill in the DL Corp. caging last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.